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Study estimates HIV risks for certain sex acts

by Terry Beswick

He's hot. Really hot. He wants you. You want him. Bad. Now. (And finally, a man who knows what he wants to do! He's a top, and he's ready to play!) But wait! Where is your handy bedside calculator?

From the early days of the HIV epidemic, understanding the relative risks of having sex with or without a condom, being the bottom or the top, sucking vs. fucking, cumming inside vs. pulling out, has been an imprecise science at best, and at worst like playing Russian roulette.

In the absence of hard data, anecdotal evidence and "common sense" speculation have served to gauge the relative dangers of HIV transmission in the real world of queer sex: Topping is safer than being the bottom; getting sucked is safer than sucking; condoms are safer than none. *Duh.*

But if so, how much safer? Inquiring minds want to know.

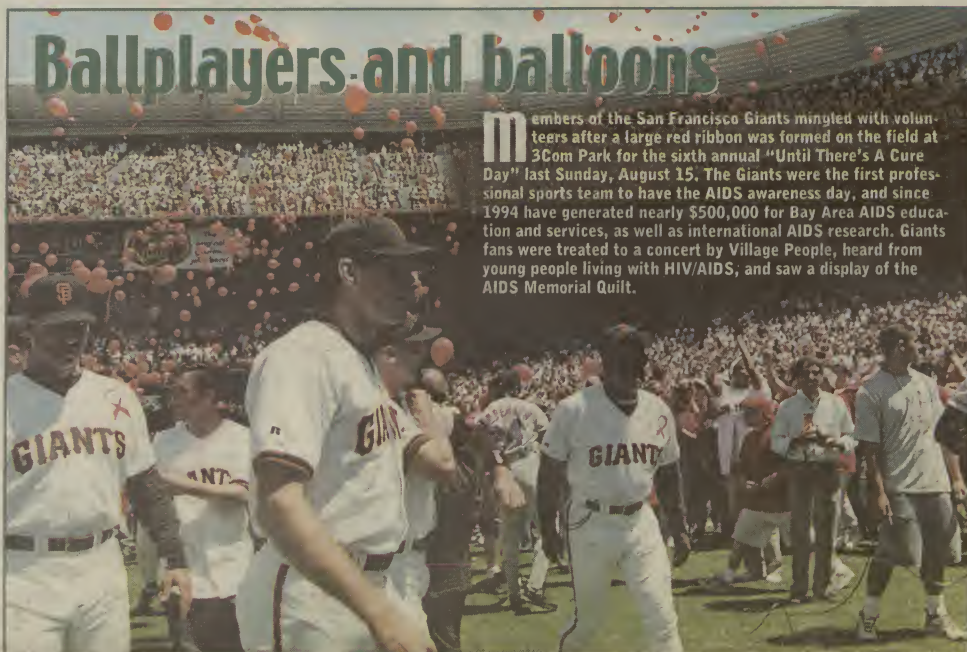
"We're never going to be able to say, 'Your risk of becoming infected with this particular partner doing this particular act at this particular time is X.' There are so many variables," Dr. Susan Buchbinder told the *Bay Area Reporter*. An epidemiologist with the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) and co-author of a recently published study which purports to assign levels of risk of acquiring HIV infection with various sexual acts between gay and bisexual men, Buchbinder cautions heavily against using her data to make decisions about individual sexual practices. "What we can talk about is on the population level, which is not as helpful."

Nevertheless, however misleading they may be, the numbers that are being bandied about by the study's authors in the media could easily become part of the evolving mythology around safer sex in the gay community.

The new study, funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) primarily to gauge the risk of infection via oral sex, followed 2,189 high-risk gay and bisexual men in San Francisco, Denver, and Chicago for an average of 18 months between 1992-1994. All participants were HIV-negative men who, within the previous year, reported sexually transmitted disease (STD), anal sex, and, in San Francisco, unprotected receptive oral sex with ejaculation. Injection drug users and women were excluded.

Critics point to several flaws in the study design and analysis; the authors used a "new approach to statistical

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Members of the San Francisco Giants mingled with volunteers after a large red ribbon was formed on the field at 3Com Park for the sixth annual "Until There's A Cure Day" last Sunday, August 15. The Giants were the first professional sports team to have the AIDS awareness day, and since 1994 have generated nearly \$500,000 for Bay Area AIDS education and services, as well as international AIDS research. Giants fans were treated to a concert by Village People, heard from young people living with HIV/AIDS, and saw a display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Jane Philomena Cleland

SOMA nightclubs under fire

by Mark Norby

The usual bumping and grinding on the dance floor of the End Up nightclub was offset early Monday evening, August 9, as Mayor Willie Brown addressed a crowd of South of Market (SOMA) nightclub owners and promoters. The mayor arrived on time, approached the microphone positioned opposite the DJ booth on the east end of the dance floor, and started a round of questions and answers over the recent crackdown by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) on the area's clubs, bars, and raves.

The meeting was organized by Don Spradlin, promoter of the annual Reunion gay pride party. Spradlin and the mayor were greeted by about 60 men and women including Audrey Joseph of Club Universe, Gus Bean of Colossus, as well as newer faces

on the scene like Jeff Chandler and Gary Green of Love Haight Lounge, and their weekly Earth party. All were present for a common cause: to save the SOMA club scene and reduce what they feel is undue police harassment.

"I understand that many of you who own, work, or promote nightclubs in the South of Market area," Brown began, "are dismayed, to say the least, about the police department's heightened presence and possible harassment of club owners and their patrons."

The first question directed at the mayor came from attorney Joseph Wood who represents one of the city's most successful nightclubs, 1015 Folsom. Wood's question focused on alleged police harassment of club owner Ira Sandler, and harassment of the club's security force, stemming from noise complaints to complaints of drug use and

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Rick Gerhart

The 1015 Folsom nightclub

Jewish center shooting suspect planned attack at SF gay bar, cops say

by Ed Walsh

The man in custody for the shooting spree at a Los Angeles County Jewish community center last week told authorities he had planned to target a gay bar in San Francisco.

San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) spokesman Sherman Ackerson told the *Bay*

Area Reporter that SFPD's hate crimes unit has been informed by Los Angeles authorities that Buford O. Furrow Jr. confessed that he planned to "stop off in San Francisco" to attack a gay bar. Lieutenant Bill Davenport of the SFPD Special Investigations Division which oversees the hate crimes unit said he had few details but understood that Furrow had intended to attack a San Francisco gay

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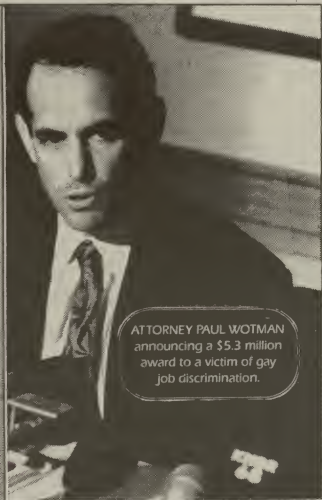
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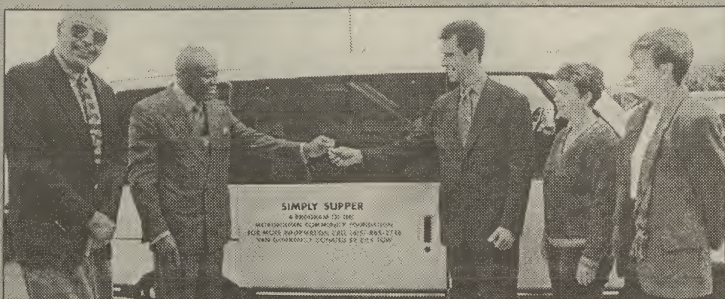


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New wheels for 'Simply Supper'



Metropolitan Community Church-San Francisco's "Simply Supper" program for feeding the homeless got a lift Tuesday, August 17, when City Tow presented a van to church officials, replacing one donated earlier that turned out to have been stolen. Pictured from left are John Banner, general manager of City Tow; Mayor Willie Brown; Supervisor Mark Leno, whose business donated the van lettering; Carrie Sullivan, director of Simply Supper; and the Reverend Penny Nixon, of MCC-SF.

Oakland hepatitis C confab this weekend

by Liz Highleyman

The third annual conference on hepatitis C (HCV) takes place this weekend, August 21-23 across the bay at Mills College in Oakland.

Some 4 million Americans are believed to be infected with the hepatitis C virus. The virus is transmitted primarily by blood, and is common among injection drug users and those who have received blood transfusions or blood products; a reliable screening test for donated blood has been available since 1992. HCV is less often transmitted through sexual contact or from mother to

child before birth. The disease becomes chronic in most people and can lead to long-term liver damage, but many people experience no symptoms until years after infection, when the damage is already done; hepatitis C is the leading cause of liver transplants in the U.S.

The HCV Conference, sponsored by the HCV Global Foundation, is for healthcare workers, outreach and social workers, and people living with hepatitis C and their families. The conference will feature information on both Western and alternative therapies for hepatitis C. Plenaries and workshops will cover a wide variety of topics including epidemiol-

ogy, prevention and education, HCV diagnostic testing, the latest HCV research, harm reduction, and insurance issues. Continuing education credit is available for health professionals.

People can register on site for the conference. Fees vary, but start at \$45 for patients, \$95 for health professionals, and \$135 for physicians and administrators. ▼

Mills College is located at 5000 MacArthur Boulevard in Oakland. For registration and program information, call (415) 920-7000, (707) 425-8862, or see the website at www.hcvglobal.org.

Eastern Star responds to HIV agency appeal

by Marv. Shaw

At a moment when the AIDS Community Research Consortium (ACRC) is confronting a financial crisis in continuing its work in testing treatments for AIDS patients, the Golden Poppy Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, has prepared a gift to the organization, Denise Jackson, chairwoman of the lodge's AIDS Research Committee, announced.

At 9 a.m. this Saturday, August

21, a check for \$2,000 will be presented to ACRC at the agency's office at 1048 El Camino Real, Redwood City. The gift will be a cornerstone for the AIDS organization's campaign for bridge funding, the goal of which is to raise \$100,000, Executive Director Michael Edell explained.

Jackson pointed out that the gift is part of a "Spare Change" campaign generated in the predominantly African American lodge. The Golden Poppy members recognize that AIDS has hit the national black community es-

pecially hard, making the lodge's donation particularly appropriate.

Jackson said the gift is "removing the veil from the eyes of the community by showing the courage to stand and face AIDS." Edell listed several things the funding will provide ACRC, from access to prescribed treatments for HIV and hepatitis C to providing clothing for the children in HIV-positive families. ▼

For more information about ACRC, call (650) 364-6563.

Speak up at SFAF board meeting Aug. 26

by Cynthia Laird

The San Francisco AIDS Foundation (SFAF) Board of Directors will hold its third designated public meeting of the year Thursday, August 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at SFAF's office, 995 Market Street, in the second floor conference room.

People interested in attending the meeting must contact the board liaison at (415) 487-3053 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. The request should include the name of the individual wishing to attend and a contact phone number. The board chair will review the request and contact the individual before the meeting.

For those interested in addressing the board, requests need to be made up to 48 hours before the meeting. People must notify the board chair in writing or by phone through the board liaison and include the topic and time

requested to present the information to the board. People must also leave a contact name and phone number. The chairperson will review the request and when appropriate, invite members of the public to speak to the board.

If a speaking request cannot be honored, the board chair will identify an alternative form of communication with the organization.

The board's next public meeting is Thursday, November 18. ▼

Activists to meet Sunday about syphilis reporting

by Cynthia Laird

AIDS and sexually transmitted disease (STD) prevention activists will meet this Sunday, August 22, at Metropolitan Community Church-San Francisco, 150 Eureka Street from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to organize a response to the Department of Public Health's recent alert about alleged increases of syphilis cases among gay men. The department

believes Internet chat rooms may be the meeting place for San Francisco gay men who supposedly contracted syphilis from partners cruising the web.

Also on the agenda is the continuing signature gathering campaign for the bathhouse initiative. Activists must collect an additional 7,000 valid signatures by November 8 to qualify for the March 2000 primary election and volunteers are needed to assist in circulating petitions at community events. ▼

The Castro, phase Y2K

Corporate giants court gay properties

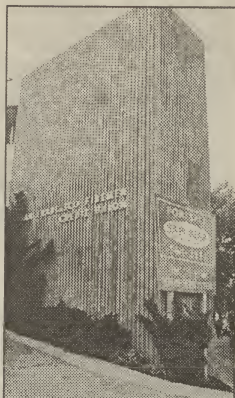
by Mark Norby

All around town the sounds of discontent can be heard over high rents and rapid development occurring in San Francisco, and the Castro District is no exception. In fact, the Castro has almost literally fallen into the gap as corporations court property owners and property owners in turn seek "fair market value" for their coveted storefronts. One property has been sought by the Gap, Inc., and another is likely to become the Pottery Barn within a few months.

But established merchants and the members of the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (MUMC) are not sitting quietly, as the Saturday, July 24, and the Saturday, August 14 "Save the Castro" meetings have proved.

The loudest voices at those meetings seemed to say that if lights are turned out on the old Castro — as they were on the old Eureka Valley back in the 1970s — the hand that holds the dimmer switch will nervously waver and twitch from left to right. "You can't turn back to the past," 22-year Castro resident Bill McCormick said. "But you can change the direction in which the train is heading."

When the gay community began moving into Eureka Valley — to the chagrin of the largely Irish American population that had lived there from the late 19th Century — working-class families were effectively pushed out and



The Fireman's Fund building for sale at Castro and Market, the likely site of a new Pottery Barn.

the face of Castro Street transformed the area into a world nexus of gay liberation and politics. The Castro meetings endeavor to preserve what already has been created in the area and to prevent Castro Street from becoming a sort of strip mall.

"We don't want the current trend in the Castro to continue," said meeting organizer Toby Wiggins.

Chided pride

The hot topic at the meetings concerns the future of the Valley Pride Market property. The Valley Pride property has been part of the neighborhood for 22 years

and earlier this year the space was approached by representatives of the Gap, Inc. The market is expected to close within the coming months because the store's owner, Linda Zeidan, can't afford rent that building owner Jim Sullivan currently charges. "We have been asked to pay \$10,000 monthly," said Zeidan. "We cannot afford that because we are a small market. It's too expensive. Only a big corporation like the Gap could pay such a rent."

But Sullivan, who owns several other retail spaces on Castro Street as well as the Sullivan Funeral Home on Market Street between Noe and Sanchez, told the *Bay Area Reporter* that Zeidan is several months behind on paying rent, and that the market will likely face eviction because of non-payment.

"I lowered the rent \$3,000 a month. They were paying \$6,900 a month but they're now paying \$3,000 less," Sullivan said. Zeidan, however, said that her rent was lowered only for the time that her market remains in the neighborhood. "I don't know how much longer we will be here. But our rent is cheaper until we leave," said Zeidan.

MUMC President Patrick Batt and gay activist Tommi Avicoli Mecca told the *B.A.R.* that they've heard from other merchants in the neighborhood that Sullivan could charge as much as \$30,000 a month for the Valley Pride space. "It's between \$20,000 and \$30,000," Batt and Avicoli Mecca

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Workshop on Two-Spirits Saturday

by Terry Beswick

Acclaimed American Indian psychologist Dr. Terry Tafoya and Will Roscoe, a noted scholar on Two-Spirit people, will be the featured speakers at a workshop this Saturday, August 21, on Native American attitudes towards sexuality and gender roles.

Sponsored by the Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (BAAITS), the workshop will feature Tafoya's traditional storytelling and songs, and Roscoe's highly acclaimed slide show of "rare pictures of historically famous Two-Spirit people from throughout the West and Southwest."

Many Native American tribes regarded males of their tribe who were gay or dressed as women with acceptance, and they were thought to have "two spirits," both male and female. According to



Gene Hightower

BAAITS spokesman Eugene Hightower, warriors of some tribes would have sex with Two-Spirit people "to give them strength before going into battle."

Open to Indians and non-Indians, the daylong workshop will also double as a fundraiser to pro-

vide scholarships to the 12th annual Two-Spirit Gathering to be held Labor Day weekend at Walden West, a nature camp in Saratoga. Over 100 participants from throughout the United States are expected at the gathering, which will include traditional Native American ceremonies, a pow wow, a talent show, as well as Tafoya and other speakers. ▼

The workshop takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church-San Francisco, located at 150 Eureka Street. Admission is \$25 and \$10 for those with limited incomes. No one will be turned away due to inability to pay. For more information on the workshop or the Two-Spirit Gathering, contact Eugene Hightower at (415) 282-4176, or write to bayarea2spirits@hotmail.com.

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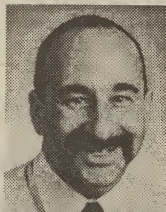
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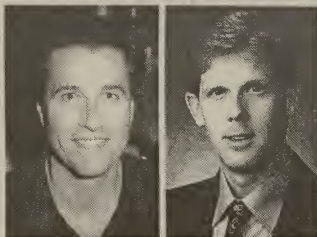
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Queer activist elected officer of DSCS board

by Vicky Kolakowski



Ruth Masterson

Longtime bisexual community activist Ruth Masterson has been elected secretary of the board of directors of Dolores Street Community Services (DSCS) in San Francisco.

"We are delighted to have Ruth's expertise and capabilities on our board," said Chris Padula, DSCS's board president. "As an officer, she will be able to challenge us even more to be true to our mission."

"DSCS is a great organization and its programs fill a niche that no one else does," said Masterson. "I'm terribly impressed with the people on the staff and board and

I'm glad to be working with them. "I just hope that I can assist the organization in making farsighted, thoughtful policy decisions," Masterson told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "I want to bring my experience as nonprofit staff and activism to these decisions."

That experience includes her present position as executive director of Build, a community art space in the Mission District. She also works as a paralegal and nonprofit specialist with Silk, Adler & Colvin, a law firm specializing in representing nonprofits. Masterson was also active in the mid-1990s with the San Francisco Lesbian Avengers in promoting visibility and empowerment for lesbians and bisexual women.

DSCS has provided housing and support for people in the Mission and Castro neighborhoods since 1982. Their programs include an active community center; the Richard M. Cohen Residence, a residential facility providing 24 hour supportive care for people with AIDS who were formerly homeless; and the Dolores Housing Program, San Francisco's leading provider of shelter services to Latino working poor. ▼

Gay Asian majesty



The new Mister GAPA, Mark da Boto, and Miss GAPA, Holly Peño, acknowledged their fans following their coronation in the annual Runway Pageant on Saturday, August 14. As promised by event manager Dino Duazo, the pageant was a spectacle of flamboyant creativity, all carried out to celebrate and support members of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, which encourages men to create their own models of masculinity.

Friendly GLOE visitors needed

by Terry Beswick

Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders (GLOE) is holding an orientation and discussion group meeting this Saturday, August 21, to recruit volunteers to participate in its "Friendly Visitor" program.

"I'm trying to encourage more positive, upbeat, fun things for the 60 and up group to do as an alternative to the bars," Bill Kirkpatrick, GLOE's newly hired and first volunteer coordinator told the *Bay Area Reporter*. A resident of San Francisco since 1987, Kirkpatrick started as a volunteer himself with GLOE in 1996. His new full-time position is funded in part by the San Francisco Foundation, the Horizon Foundation, Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, and the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund.

GLOE, an 18-year-old project of New Leaf, provides activities such as play readings, exercise groups, outings, men's and women's brunches, and discussion groups for gay and lesbian seniors ages 60 and up.

The Friendly Visitor program matches volunteers with GLOE participants who live alone, have lost their partners and/or friends, and don't have traditional family support. According to GLOE, "A visit or phone call could make all the difference."

All interested individuals are encouraged to stop by the orientation meeting find out more about GLOE and how they can help isolated gay and lesbian seniors through the Friendly Visitor program. ▼

The meeting takes place from 10 a.m. to noon at the GLOE meeting place, 1874 Market Street, at Laguna. For more information, call (415) 255-2937, ext. 313.

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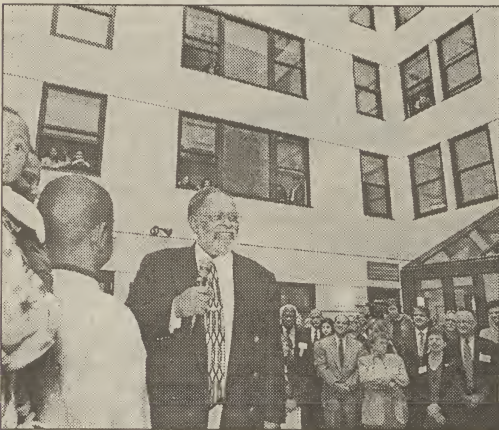
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Cecil Williams Glide Community House opens



The Rev. Cecil Williams in front of the new Glide community house

by Terry Beswick

Over 2,000 people are already on the waiting list for a new 52-unit high-rise apartment building in the Tenderloin which aims to provide a "service-enriched, permanent housing situation" for up to 155 residents "looking to recover from issues such as homelessness, physical and emotional abuse, HIV/AIDS, alcohol and drug abuse."

The Cecil Williams Glide Community House held its opening celebration last weekend and residents started moving in. The project is funded in part by the federal Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program, and has set aside at least 13 units for people living with HIV/AIDS. Some of these applicants will be drawn from the housing waiting list maintained by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, which currently has an estimated three-year wait.

The new community house has put a hold on new applicants until January 2000.

The diverse, low-income residents, which will include families with children, will be required to contribute 30 percent of their monthly income toward their rent, which ranges from a 300 square foot studio priced at \$592

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'Leather Extravaganza' Fri.

by Liz Highleyman

This year's "Leather Extravaganza," a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund (AEF), will take place tomorrow (Friday, August 20) in San Francisco.

Billed as the city's most elegant leather affair, the event will be held at Twining Manor overlooking Dolores Park, the home of Don Gallup. The evening will include dinner, dancing, and entertainment. A VIP seafood cocktail and prime rib dinner with complimentary wine will begin at 6 p.m. General admission ticket-holders will be admitted at 8, for a full service bar hosted by the Bare Chest Calendar men. The evening will feature a silent auction, and cabaret and comedy entertainment emceed by Absolute Empress XXX Donna Sachet and Mr. S.F. Leather Werner Tillinger. Food, drink, and auction items are being donated by several area businesses and individuals. The donation is \$100 for dinner and \$50 for general admission. Tickets will be available at Daddy's bar until Thursday night, and at the door on the evening of the event.

One hundred percent of the evening's proceeds will go to AEF, which provides financial assistance for people living with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in San Francisco and some other Bay Area counties; the fund helps pay for rent, utility bills, medical equipment, and home care supplies. Recently the AEF has expanded its focus to also assist women with breast cancer. The organization is a favorite of the leather community and is the beneficiary of many of the community's events. According to steering committee member Robert Hernandez, Mr. Daddy's Leather 1999, "The AEF has

proven its continuous support of our community, and the Leather Extravaganza promises to be one of the most profitable leather events of the year." The committee promises a "magical combination of formal leather and lasting memories." ▼

The Leather Extravaganza takes place at 296 Liberty Street at Church. For more information, call (415) 334-3638 or see the website at www.leatherextravaganza.org.

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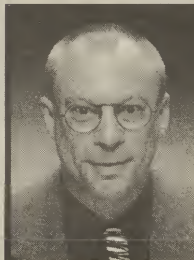
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Out of control Scouts

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is out of control. Since losing a New Jersey Supreme Court decision earlier this month in which the court ruled that the Scouts' anti-gay policies violated the state's anti-discrimination laws, all hell has broken loose, particularly in Rhode Island. There, an adult scoutmaster was fired after placing a picture of James Dale on a target at the rifle range at Camp Yawgoog and shooting at it. Dale was the Eagle Scout in the New Jersey case who was fired as a scoutmaster after the Scouts discovered he is gay.

The BSA lost another court ruling last week when a Chicago judge ordered the Scouts to stop barring gay applicants in hiring decisions, saying that the policy amounts to illegal discrimination. The judge in that case upheld a 1996 decision by the city's Commission on Human Relations that barred a policy under which the Chicago Scout council in 1992 denied job consideration to gay Eagle Scout Keith Richardson. The Scouts have said they will appeal the New Jersey and Chicago decisions.

Then there is the case of an Eagle Scout who was initially fired from his job at Camp Yawgoog after he confirmed he is gay. After the 16-year-old filed a complaint with the Rhode Island Human Rights Commission, Scout officials there suddenly said it was all a "misunderstanding," apologized for invading the young man's privacy, and gave him his job back.

Unfortunately, the Rhode Island Scout leaders' decision didn't sit well with national Scout leaders and days later they reiterated BSA's policy that "known homosexuals can't be Scouts," while at the same time taking a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) position that can only spell disaster. After all, the

DADT policy is a failure for the military: The climate of harassment and fear that it fosters on military personnel has led to witch hunts; an increase in discharges of gays and lesbians; and may have even contributed to the death of Private First Class Barry Winchell at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Interestingly, days after the Army began a hearing into Winchell's death, the Department of Defense last Friday issued new guidelines for DADT that are slight improvements, but probably won't result in significant changes at the

country's military installations.

It is time for the Boy Scouts of America to end the blatant discrimination against gays, drop the appeals to court decisions, and move on so that boys can be Scouts without fear and learn the many character-building attributes and skills that scouting provides. In this age of school violence, kids – including gay youth – need groups like the Boy Scouts more than ever, but only if the Boy Scouts implement a non-discrimination policy, like the Girl Scouts of America have done. ▼



Editorial



United we won!

by Jeff Sheehy, Carol Stuart,
and Geoff Kors of Equal Benefits
Advocates

On August 9, U.S. Airways joined United Airlines and American Airlines in giving domestic partner benefits to their lesbian and gay employees worldwide. Their 250,000 combined employees now have access to domestic partner benefits deemed by United to be worth \$12,000 annually.

This victory has not only opened the door to domestic partner benefits for airline employees, it has sent a clear message to corporate America that we will not do business with companies that do not treat their lesbian and gay employees equally. The community won this victory, and we want to acknowledge some of the people who made this victory possible. We're sure we missed some folks and we apologize in advance.

This battle was won with the capitulation of United Airlines on July 30. United was caught in a vise. On one side, there was the pressure from the courts as the city mounted its amazing defense of the equal benefits ordinance (EBO). This law and the legal defense of it had the unwavering support of San Francisco's elected officials and the city's government. United also felt extreme pain as the LGBT community rallied together to mount a national boycott of United Airlines that maintained constant public pressure on the company and signaled our determination to accept nothing less than full equality.

First, we want to applaud the leadership of our lesbian and gay elected officials, Supervisors Tom Ammiano, Leslie Katz, Mark Leno, and Treasurer Susan Leal. Assemblywoman Carole Migden, in her final days as supervisor, listened to our idea for the EBO and encouraged us to go forward. She gave critical support to our boycott efforts not the least of which was commissioning our first batch of buttons.

City Attorney Louise Renne's support for both the legislation and the ensuing litigation cannot be overstated. Chief Assistant City Attorney Dennis Aftergut led the city's absolutely brilliant legal team. Without his leadership and his genius, we would not

have won. The fantastic team he assembled includes Stewart Foreman, Scott Emblidge, Terry Stewart, Joe Quinn, and Adrienne Go.

We salute the Human Rights Commission whose superlative implementation of the ordinance eased the process of actually getting compliance from companies and which also supported the city's position in the lawsuit. Starting under the leadership of then commission Chair Martha Knutzen, commission staffers Larry Brinkin, Cynthia Goldstein, and Brian Cheu took legislation that was novel and unique and made it work.

We also want to mention and thank Airport Director John Martin who supported the litigation 100 percent though it has made his job much more difficult.

Pressure from the LGBT community in the form of the boycott squeezed United publicly and financially. We want to thank the Human Rights Campaign, especially Elizabeth Birch and Darryl Herrschaft, for its support. We also want to thank the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, notably Brian Bond and Anne Derryberry. The support of these national organizations made the boycott a reality.

Organizations who turned down United's money deserve special mention. The very first was the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association which had United as their official carrier at the time. They were followed by the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, which remembered national support for the fight against Amendment 2. The National AIDS Memorial Grove was so appalled that United refused to even give bereavement leave that they turned down \$5,000. The San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus turned down \$15,000, funds that they sorely needed. Finally, we want to thank the Illinois Federation for Human Rights. Based in Chicago, it dropped United as its chief sponsor. These organizations should receive our support for their refusal to put our civil rights up for sale.

Here in San Francisco, we want to recognize the support and hard work of several people. Thanks are due Rich and the staff at Mainline Gifts which distributed buttons and stickers. ACT UP/Golden Gate was our

fiscal sponsor and provided us with space, support, and the talents of many of their members. Michael Lauro is one, serving as the demo guru – organizing everyone and producing materials.

Jeff Getty was our publicity person as well as the producer and director of our anti-United TV commercial (it aired here and in L.A.). He brought in Dirksen and Malloy, the production pros who made the commercial.

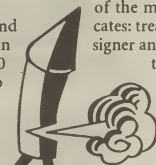
We want to recognize the contributions of the members of Equal Benefits Advocates: treasurer Ron Podoske; web page designer and jailed Tinky Winky Will Doherty; Tara Borelli who helped enormously and organized a demonstration in Berkeley; Jennifer Rycenza who along with Queer Revolution from San Jose, organized a demo in San Jose;

Seth Watkins, a walking anti-United poster with his sticker covered boxers, who tabled, demonstrated, and distributed buttons and literature here and around the state. He was arrested as Anita Boycott.

Bill Berry designed the buttons and ads. Lee Jewell single-handedly distributed thousands of buttons and stickers around the country in response to requests from the website. Terry Kennedy was arrested twice for the cause.

Gilbert Baker, creator of the rainbow flag, made the Tinky Winky costumes and was also arrested. He helped organize the demonstrations. Ryan Clary wrote press releases and other materials. Gary Virginia was a boycott evangelist, playing a crucial role in educating and informing the leather community. Linda Trevino was an actor in the commercial, an advisor and provided material support. Lastly, we want to recognize David Smith and Phil Gochenour who also were arrested blocking United ticket offices.

We want to thank the many people who didn't fly or who wore buttons or who wrote letters and e-mails or who called United. Thanks are due the queer press, not the least of which is this paper. Without their support and knowledgeable coverage, we would not have won. ▼



Guest Opinion

LETTERS

Ginger was all class

I was so very sad to see in the B.A.R. [August 12] the photo of a dear, dear, precious friend and part of our lives in San Francisco, and to learn of the passing of beautiful, elegant, and cool and professional Empress Ginger XIV. All class. What else can I say?

Marvin-Michel Le Grier II, Esq.
San Francisco

Support Gonzalez for D.A.

I write in response to Tim Silard's recent comments ("Standing by D.A. Hallinan," B.A.R., July 29) about his support of Terence Hallinan. Mr. Silard, an employee of candidate Hallinan, takes offense at the notion that the Milk Club would invite announced candidates for the office of District Attorney to address the group and then take "pot shots" at the incumbent. He sermonizes that the Milk Club should no longer invoke the name of Harvey Milk because Matt Gonzalez, a progressive candidate for district attorney, voiced legitimate criticisms about Terence Hallinan's job performance. Those criticisms are well founded. For the past four years, Terence Hallinan has exhibited a lack of understanding of basic legal principles and his leadership has raised serious issues concerning competency and integrity in the D.A.'s office. Readers are invited to review these issues at www.gonzalez4da.com.

Sorry, Mr. Silard, but Matt Gonzalez will continue to speak out on the issues. Mr. Silard argues that the gay community should stand by Hallinan as a friend of our community. Whatever progressive politics Terence Hallinan may have had as a supervisor did not follow him to the Hall of Justice. Mr. Silard suggests that if his boyfriend were to beat him up he would be better served because Hallinan would have a gay prosecutor assigned to the case. Wrong. Hallinan does not have a gay or lesbian prosecutor assigned to the domestic violence unit.

There is also no "understanding" in the domestic violence unit on cases involving gay couples. In a case where the domestic violence was the product of AIDS-related dementia and the victim requested that the charges against his partner be dropped, Hallinan proceeded on the case, full politics ahead. In another gay domestic violence case where the defendant was from Guatemala, Hallinan proceeded with charges against the wishes of the victim, despite the fact that a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction would result in deportation. The victim, a federal court employee, was forced to hide from Hallinan's staff to avoid a subpoena and having to testify against his partner at trial. Our community does not enjoy the benefit of naturalization through lawful marriage. Where is the D.A.'s sensitivity of which Mr. Silard so proudly boasts?

Mr. Silard is also wrong in his recollection of the events at the July 6 Milk Club PAC meeting. Matt Gonzalez, a Mexican American who grew up in a small town in Texas, provided the audience with biographical information, stating that prior to attending Columbia University in New York he had never been to a museum, seen a bagel, or met an openly gay person. It is through exposure and education that we all grow and raise our level of understanding. That growth has resulted in Matt Gonzalez running for district attorney, with his campaign being run by an openly gay man and a bisexual woman, both volunteers.

Mr. Silard is out of his league in criticizing Matt Gonzalez. Mr. Silard has never represented a gay person nor has he ever been to trial. Matt Gonzalez has over 50 jury trials to his name, many involving complex criminal matters. Matt Gonzalez has more trial experience than the incumbent and has represented thousands of people over the past eight years. Many of those people are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. Matt Gonzalez is the progressive candidate in this race. He is running on his outstanding skills as a trial attorney, his commitment to progressive criminal justice policy, and a desire to return pride and professionalism to the District Attorney's office.

Robert Amparan
Co-chair, Matt Gonzalez for District Attorney
San Francisco

Stumbling in the dark

I have always considered excellence in writing resulted in clarity of expression, but that assumption was badly shaken by Dale Carpenter's column of July 29. Among the difficulties it presents is trying to fathom what it meant to accomplish. There is more than a hint he believes the larger GLBT community is ignorant or confused about the multiplicity of problems it faces, thus he would "shed some light" on gay rights operations by offering for consideration two alternatives, but of such dubious formulation and equivocal exposition as to leave this reader stumbling around in the dark searching for the light switch.

He asks readers to choose between two "hypothetical worlds" of his devising. The second of these makes little sense in that if the social and religious conditions he postulates, i.e. full societal acceptance of homosexuals, were realized, why would the extensive legal discrimination he describes as a correlative continue to exist? The choice becomes one of a possibly attainable world of justice rendered, or a non-sensical world of social equality and legal insanity.

The latter would almost appear to be Mr. Carpenter's choice, except he vitiate that position by eventually stressing how "terribly important" legal equality is, as "security against a still-hostile world," and, most tellingly, as "... help to fuel social acceptance." I would suggest it is these two factors, along with establishing realistic goals, that leads gay civil rights groups to concentrate on legal issues rather than Mr. Carpenter's cynical assertion that raising money is their motivation.

It is simple to point out, as Mr. Carpenter demonstrates, the moral and social breach between heterosexuals and homosexuals, but far more difficult to counsel how this breach is to be sealed. Greater illumination might result from a column by him specifically addressing how "ultimate success" in the "moral dimension" he feels "matters more" is to be achieved.

Personally, as an unabashed liberal, I find myself supporting what I thought would have been a conservative position: as citizens of a democracy, people have a right to hate, to be as bigoted and judgmental as they please. However much I wish them to be otherwise; the only thing I can reasonably insist upon is they recognize my rights as a citizen in this same democracy.

One other statement of his furrows the brow: "The sodomy law might remain on the books, but no one would ever think to enforce it..." Whew!

That's faith in a world of perfection this cynic is unable to sustain. Mr. Carpenter is the first attorney in my experience who believes it matters little that unenforced laws are retained. At the very least, excising them would reduce the size of those ponderous volumes that line the walls of attorneys' offices.

Stan Farwig
Concord, CA

An unhappy Steamworks customer

I've been a KPFA listener for over 28 years, and been going to the Steamworks about as long. On August 4, I learned that the Steamworks has permanently closed the dry sauna, my second favorite spot there, after the steam room. I've spent many hours in that sauna relaxing my mind, stretching my body, and admiring the view. I will miss it deeply. One more sanctum gone. One more piece of community space unceremoniously yanked away without any public input, much like Pacifica's actions with KPFA.

As I marched in the KPFA demonstration July 31 with about 15,000 other people, I asked myself if there would be any kind of similar response were the police to close the Steamworks the way they closed KPFA. Just come in, throw everybody out, arrest those who refused to go, and padlock the doors. With some of the neo-fascist gun slingers running for office these days, it's really not too far removed from possibility. What kind of community do gay men have? Is the Steamworks something we would fight for?

Sadly, I think the answer is no. We're too alienated from each other, there's no movement to organize it, and there is no sense that it's "ours" to fight for, like there is with KPFA. But in a lot of ways, I think the Steamworks is as much "mine" as is KPFA. I've certainly spent enough money there supporting it, and I meet and make friends there, not unlike a community center. But like KPFA, the community aspect has been chipped away bit by bit. A big chunk of it will go with the current renovation, which promises a "brilliant new Jacuzzi, incredible showers, and a butch equipment room." Personally I'd much rather have the dry sauna back, with showers and a water fountain that works.

So what it means is an excuse for yet another rate increase, and the increasing trend towards homogenization of the crowd that goes there into the young, the muscular, and the affluent. Nothing wrong with those things, but they do leave out a lot of people, like this balding 54-year-old, with a little pot belly, warts, and gum disease. The only music allowed since the last rate hike over gay pride weekend in 1998, is the electronic techno brand. Again fine, but what about music that represents the many cultures and ages of men that go there? And all kinds of men still do go there; all ages, colors, shapes, abilities, and incomes. But that means nothing. We don't own it, and consequently, we have no say.

In San Francisco, we have people gathering signatures to re-open bathhouses. I support them, but I also ask, "What kind of bathhouse?" If it's another expensive, glitzy, muscle palace whose only goal is to maximize profit, I probably wouldn't feel too comfortable there. Maybe it's because I'm over 50 with

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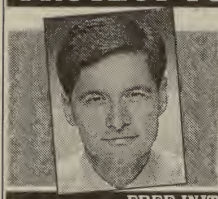
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Mailstrom

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fond memories of the 1960s and 1970s, but I'd really like to see a bathhouse that sees itself responsible to the community. Perhaps one that's even worker-owned and operated. Maybe a little funky, that plays all kinds of music. Cheap and convenient enough for folks without a lot of money to get there on public transportation. Lots of public spaces where conversation and information sharing can take place. One that if the police tried to close it down, we would be out in front chanting, "Whose bathhouse? Our bathhouse. Take it back! Take it back!"

I'd welcome comments at lifewish@lmi.net.

Charlie Hinton
San Francisco

A happy Steamworks customer

[The following was sent to the Steamworks.]

Since the recent debate about reopening bathhouses in San Francisco has been effectively squelched by Mitch Katz and his ideological cronies at the SF Department of Public Health and the Health Commission, I decided it was time to write and tell you how much I have enjoyed your facility over the years.

I started going to the Steamworks just after the baths in San Francisco closed in the mid-1980s. I have always found it a worthwhile and enjoyable experience, although the trip out to Berkeley from San Francisco is often inconvenient. I truly hope that someday, with saner, wiser leadership, San Francisco will again have bathhouses and use the Steamworks as a model of how to do it right.

My life as a gay man has been enriched by having met and played with many interesting and diverse men from all parts of the U.S., Europe, Canada, South America, and other places, including San Francisco. I have also been lucky enough to have met at the Steamworks several boyfriends and a lover, all wonderful men I would never have met socially or in the bars and clubs in San Francisco.

By far, the one aspect of the Steamworks that keeps me coming back is the ability to rent a closed, private room with a locked door. These clean, private rooms have allowed me to get to know my partners very well. We can exchange names, histories, preferences, and HIV status in a private environment. Such vital communication is practically impossible at San Francisco's noisy, dirty, and unfriendly sex clubs filled with drunks, drug addicts, and other out of control people.

Most important, I have found private rooms much easier to negotiate safe sex. The condoms and lube I store in my room are easily within my reach. Since no unsafe sex is allowed at the Steamworks, safe sex is usually not a problem. If I or my partner have a question about what is or is not potentially unsafe, there is a health counselor available as well as much useful information from AIDS organizations posted throughout the facility.

Thanks for maintaining a great facility that Berkeley can be proud of. I only wish San Francisco could say the same.

Allen Carson
San Francisco

Pleasure = lust

It really is quite simple why the Vatican calls homosexuals intrinsically evil. As a Catholic child, I was taught that one could tell if one had committed a sin if you derived any pleasure from the word, thought, or deed (the medieval word for pleasure is lust). So, as a gay man if I have sex with another man, I am certainly not having sex to procreate, therefore I am having sex for pleasure. By this simple deduction, I am thereby a sinner (the ancient method of controlling a person is to call them a sinner) and evil - in the traditional archaic understanding, of course.

Douglas A. Matley
Homofest of the Transfiguration
San Francisco

Thoughts from a gay Catholic

Insofar as Robert Wood [Mailstrom, August 5] would like to take offense to the obviously troubling language repeatedly used by the Vatican when making pronouncements about homosexuality, I, as a gay man, would certainly want to agree with him. As a Catholic though, I would want to comment that unless Mr. Wood has little interest in looking at the good which I perceive is inherent in Catholicism, his viewpoints on the Catholic Church and how that impacts on a gay person stands to be challenged. In any event, his information on current Catholic teaching on homosexuality needs to be corrected.

At the risk of coming across as a Catholic apologist, which is definitely not my intention, I would like to clarify that church teaching on homosexuality states that "although the particular inclination of

the homosexual person is not a sin, it is a more or less strong tendency ordered toward an intrinsic moral evil." This is not the same as saying that homosexual people are evil, although I understand and might even agree with arguments that say that it certainly sounds that way. My own personal opinions, difficulties, and issues with this teaching aside however, I do think that it is important to clarify that in addition to the church's distinction between the person who is homosexually oriented and the "sin" of "homosexual acts," being heterosexually oriented is certainly not a criterion for being a member of the Catholic Church. Moreover, if being without evil tendencies was a requirement for membership in the Catholic Church, then there wouldn't be a place for anyone in the Catholic Church, not even the pope.

As for me, it is not my belief and trust in men in clerical garb sitting in Vatican offices pushing paper and pencils which prompts my loyalty to the Catholic Church, but my belief and trust in Jesus Christ, for whom the whole thing exists anyway. His message, spirit, and unconditional love are what I strive to cling to, put into practice, and reverence - not unyieldingly rigid and oppressive insistences upon adherence to dogmas which hurt and shame people. It doesn't take a degree in theology to read the Gospels and see that that wasn't the way of Jesus Christ. If gay Catholics like myself give up on the church, we give up on Jesus. Without our voices and witness to his love for us there, what will he do?

Raphael Whelan
San Francisco

Concern over hydroxyuera, AIDS meds

Regarding the August 5 article "Killer hydroxyurea?" I read this story with great interest for several reasons:

1. I was also put on a drug regimen that included hydroxyurea. During this period I began feeling sick and started having joint pain, nausea, aches, tiredness, weakness, etc. When I spoke with my doctor she felt that it was the other medications causing the problem but could not be sure. I made the decision to quit all my HIV/AIDS meds to cleanse my body of these toxins that I knew were poisoning my body. It is going on a year and I have not started any meds since. I feel better than I did while on them and I'm doing fine.

2. People need to ask their pharmacist for the drug inserts (or look at the full page HIV/AIDS medicine ads in your paper) and read the fine print concerning adverse drug reactions, warnings, and contraindications. You'll also find in the small print an advisory that states, "this is not a cure for HIV/AIDS" on most, if not all, of these package inserts. People will also notice that the side effects caused by these medications are the same diseases that HIV/AIDS causes.

3. We, as a community, should also be looking into the severity of other HIV/AIDS meds with the same fervor that we have towards hydroxyurea. Even before the use of hydroxyurea other protease inhibitors and retrovirals were causing and continue to cause gross facial deformities, excessive weight loss, buffalo humps, bloated stomachs, chicken legs, diarrhea, fatigue, lethargy, weakness, decreases in white and red cells, anemia, headaches, vomiting, etc. We need to ask ourselves if these meds are changing the physical appearances on the outside of our bodies, what kind of damage are they doing to the inside and whole body?

We shouldn't be waiting for more deaths to occur. We need to start demanding accountability from all these drug manufacturers, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and everyone else who has involved themselves with prescribing and promoting these deadly medications.

Steven D. Keller
San Francisco

'Sour grapes' feedback

I would like to express serious concern regarding an inappropriate, inexcusable article in the Leather Scene column written by Mister Marcus, subtitled "Sour Grapes" that was printed in the B.A.R. in the July 8 issue. I was astonished and in disbelief about what I found. It clearly stated an issue about a deaf man wearing glasses and by stating it was like saying the name of the person. The leather community is small and the deaf leather community represents just a fraction. Then how many men wear glasses in this community? I feel this is an unjust action by a widely-read newspaper to point out someone's identity.

I would like an apology written by Mr. Marcus regarding this serious matter since a reputation was at stake.

Steve Mayers
San Francisco

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GOP reaching out to gay voters?

by Wayne Friday

Prompted by a recent page one story in the *New York Times*, newspapers from New York to California carried stories last week suggesting that the national Republican Party, or at least some of those currently seeking the GOP presidential nomination, have seemingly seen the light and have begun reaching out to gay and lesbian voters. Well, reaching out might be a bit of a stretch, but some Republican gay and lesbian activists, apparently delighted at finally being "accepted" (recognized, tolerated?) by their party, were practically giddy at the thought that some of the presidential hopefuls like **George W. Bush, Elizabeth Dole, and John McCain** were now ready to be somewhat receptive in their support for homosexuals. To say this new "acceptance" is subtle is probably an understatement, but the gay and lesbian Republicans willing to kiss up to a party that has historically wanted no part of them in the past was something that most media outlets found newsworthy. Indeed, the three Republicans mentioned above have all signaled a willingness, albeit a subtle one, to possibly even appoint gays to positions in their administration, should one of them be elected.

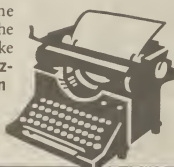


Log Cabin Republican Rich Tafel

Rich Tafel, executive director of the national Log Cabin Republicans, apparently is among those who are now all smiles, willing to accept the "new face" of the GOP when it comes to its new found love of gays and lesbians. Tafel told the *Times*, "The tone has totally changed - what I hear is gay Republicans enthusiastic about the tone being set by the leading candidates. It looks like Republicans for the first time are saying, 'This is a community I'm not going to alienate and maybe I want to reach out to it,' - that's kind of a shocking revelation." Shocking revelation indeed, Mr. Tafel. The only "shocking" thing about it all is that gay Republicans are so gullible that they are ready to buy the Republicans' new political line.

Steve Forbes, the New Jersey millionaire publisher, who is also considered in the top tier of GOP presidential hopefuls, has, however, turned more conservative than he was when he ran four years ago and is thought to be virtually non-receptive to gays and les-

bians. Forbes's famous father, **Malcolm Forbes**, the late publisher of the respected *Forbes* magazine, was widely rumored to have been a closeted homosexual. While the reported acceptance toward gay voters by national Republicans like McCain is good news to some gays who have long toiled within the GOP in the hopes of one day forcing the party to accept gays, and possibly, even support gay rights issues, even those now said to be reaching out to gay voters are doing it more because they want to appeal beyond the conservative base of the party to Democratic and independent voters than because they're actually concerned about



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such issues as same-sex marriage, gays in the military, or other issues. As the *New York Times* put it, the suggested new acceptance by the GOP to gays and lesbians "reflects the continued growing political influence of gay donors and gay voters across party lines."

While Democratic candidates from local offices to the White House have courted gay and lesbian voters for years - and have been the beneficiary of those votes - gay political leaders now say that the attitude of Republicans like Dole and McCain is somewhat striking. Indeed, four years ago when **Bob Dole**, the GOP nominee and husband of Elizabeth, was identified as having accepted a \$1,000 check from the mostly gay Log Cabin Republicans, he promptly returned the check. While even gay and lesbian Republicans are hard pressed to identify what their party's leading presidential candidates would really do for gays if they were to get elected, some seem eternally grateful for the "signs" that Republicans have finally seen that they need the votes of gays badly enough to at least make a cosmetic effort to change their long-held antagonistic anti-gay views. Texas' Governor Bush, the leading GOP candidate, when asked if he would hire gays in his administration, said that "if someone can do a job, and a job that he's qualified for, that person ought to be allowed to do that job." I guess that means he doesn't have any qualms about hiring gays, but I'm not sure. However, as governor of Texas, Bush has opposed hate crime laws that include protection for homosexuals, and publicly opposes adoptions by gays and lesbians. Go figure.

Elizabeth Dole, acknowledging the growing gay and lesbian vote, told NBC last month that she was "inclusive" and has said she would appoint anyone to her administration who was qualified. Of the \$1,000 contribution her husband returned four years ago, Dole says that if the Log Cabin Republicans were to donate to her campaign, "I would not turn it away." Not exactly a ringing endorsement of gay rights, but at least she's willing to take the money.

Probably the one Republican presidential hopeful that could be trusted to support gay rights is McCain, an Arizona senator. McCain has openly gay Representative **Jim Kolbe** (R-Arizona), the House's only openly gay GOP

member, on his national steering committee; has campaigned for the gay mayor of Tempe; has supported anti-hate crimes legislation based on their sexual orientation; and recently even told reporters that someday he could possibly envision a gay president. Not all Republicans running for president have "seen the light," however. Forbes, **Patrick Buchanan**, **Gary Bauer**, and **Dan Quayle** are strongly anti-gay, though Quayle, no longer considered by most to be a viable GOP hopeful, has softened his anti-gay tone somewhat.

Do the Republicans finally love us? Should we be celebrating that we are now at least "tolerable?" I wouldn't say so. Political expediency perhaps, but sincere conversion? Not likely.

Politics and people

San Francisco Supervisor **Mark Leno** called to report a very successful fundraiser for Californians for Fairness, the No on Knight campaign that's gearing up against the Knight initiative that would recognize marriages between one man and one woman in the state. The event took place August 15 at the Palo Alto home of E*Trade Chief Operating Officer **Kathy Levinson** and her partner, **Jennifer Levinson**, who announced they were contributing \$300,000. The event raised a total of \$500,000, Leno said.

In Sacramento they are saying that Assemblyman **Robert Hertzberg** (D-Sherman Oaks) is emerging as the next Assembly speaker; current speaker, **Antonio Villaraigosa**, will soon be termed out and will likely run for mayor of Los Angeles. If the Democrats want a real fighter and one who has proven her leadership abilities they would tap San Francisco's **Carole Migden** for the top Assembly spot.

Incidentally, California Democrats will likely send the most diverse delegation of any state to next year's nominating convention in L.A. Party officials said last week they want 26 percent of the delegates to be Latino; 16 percent African American; 10 percent disabled; 9 percent Asian Pacific Islander; 5 percent gay men; 5 percent lesbian; and 1 percent Native American. The delegation will also be split evenly between men and women. We'll wait and see what kind of delegation the state GOP sends to Philadelphia next July.

A gay presidential candidate on the 2000 ballot? Could be. **Larry Hines**, a gay ex-Marine from Washington D.C., will battle **Harry Browne**, the 1996 nominee, for the national Libertarian Party nomination and Hines could be on the ballot in all 50 states.

If the *Examiner* is merged with the *Chronicle* and San Francisco becomes a one-daily newspaper town, look for Ex executive editor **Phil Bronstein** to become editor of the *Chron*.

With Board of Supes President **Tom Ammiano** and Supervisor **Leland Yee** out of the race, Mayor **Willie Brown** is left to battle only **Clint Reilly** and **Frank Jordan** (plus a rag-tag slew of lesser known candidates that not many people will vote for) for his re-election and even the mayor's critics are secretly saying it looks like Da Mayor is headed for a victory. ▼



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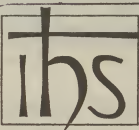
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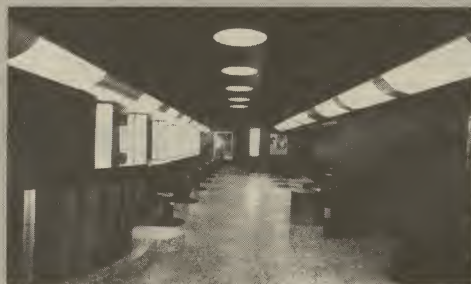
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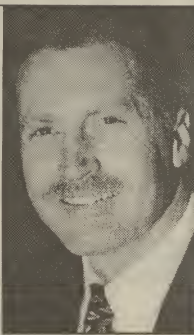
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Back to the future school

by Nancy Boutillier

Kids across America will be picking out new lunch boxes in the next few weeks. They will put the headers on their notebook dividers — Math, English, Science — and sharpen those number two pencils.

Summer vacation comes to a close when those Back-to-School sales begin. Will it be The Backstreet Boys 3-ring binder, the Hello Kitty stapler, the Star Wars pencil box, or the Barbie backpack? Or all of the above?

These days there is an SAT I and an SAT II. The kids have 1970s dances the way we used to have sock hops and dress up for the 1950s. Oh, and some schools have metal detectors at the door.

Most kids are still reading Shakespeare and F. Scott Fitzgerald, though some schools have added Richard Wright, Amy Tan, and Julia Alvarez to the curriculum. If students read James Baldwin, it's unlikely that they get any biographical information on his sexual orientation, though if they read W.B. Yeats they are sure to hear of his long-suffering love for Maud Gonne.

Do I need to mention that Sarah Schulman, Randall Kenan, and Leslie Feinberg are probably not on anyone's reading list?

I'm more used to the Back-to-School flow than most adults. Upon exiting college I re-entered high school as an English teacher. Counting my days as a student, I'm gearing up for my 18th September in high school. Truth be told, I remember my school days quite fondly. I have a classic "I knew I was different" story combined with a version of "I compensated by overachieving." In short, I liked my friends and felt well-liked in return. I have not only kept close to my high school pals, but I have even kept in touch with a few teachers.

Furthermore, I have tried to follow my school's ability and inability to educate honestly around issues of sexual orientation. For instance, a few years back there was an active Gay/Straight Alliance on my high school campus and an out faculty member working with those students. More recently, a straight teacher found himself in school committee hot water for trying to dispel some of the myths about homosexuality. The hearings were ugly. Both the G/SA advisor and the open-minded history teacher have since left the district.

On the other hand, one of my

English teachers invited me to his classroom to do a poetry reading. In the middle of it he requested a particular poem — one that would leave no doubt about my lesbianism. The students went a little wide-eyed with realization as I read it, but I could tell they appreciated the honesty of the poem. A number hung out to talk with me after class. The school paper did an article on me. No one was fired.

It seems to me that most schools contain a range of open and close mindedness around issues of sexual orientation. Often, there are teachers who want to teach tolerance, but who feel they have no mandate for it. In schools across America, we queer graduates and dropouts alike may have more cache than we make use of. We are a real constituency to school officials, in some places more than others, with some ears more than others, but let's use what leverage we have.



Dykeotomy

There are many school librarians out there who cannot bring themselves to initiate the purchase of *Loving Someone Gay*, *Zami*, *Coming Out Under Fire*, or *Heather Has Two Mommies* on their own, but if an alum sent a letter wishing that such books had been in the library back in 19__, then that same librarian might just order the books. In fact, that same librarian might even be gay and in the closet, might actually welcome that letter, might have a lesbian daughter and feel unable to push that "agenda" till someone else makes the request. Your request, whether with name and year of graduation, or sent anonymously, might just be the very mandate that allows a librarian to see *Rubyfruit Jungle* as a necessary book on the shelf.

Or, if you can afford it, go ahead and support your local independent bookstore and donate the books to the school. I know of a few schools alums who have actually given money earmarked to support the work of the G/SA or to support anti-harassment initiatives in schools — and what a heartening show of support that has been to the teachers inside the school doing the hard and controversial work of organizing that effort.

But you certainly don't need money to be an agent of change at your alma mater — at least not to try. You need a little initiative and some stamps. You can start by asking questions or making suggestions. "What programs do you have that support gay and lesbian students — and how can I help?" is always a good starting

point. Or tell that English teacher how much you loved discovering author X and poet Y in that class, and then admit how alone and alienated you felt, and how much better your life would have been if you had encountered novel Z in the spring of your 11th grade.

Schools may have that big cinder block look to them, but they are made up of people — people who have chosen to be in education, who generally want to help kids. So, select the people you think might be open to you, or in a position to do something, and get in touch with them. All school officials like to hear what their school is good at, and good officials want to hear how and where they can do better.

If you know that progressive work is being done at your school, just a letter of support to the faculty members involved could go a long way to keeping them strong in the face of increasing pressure to avoid controversy. If there's a G/SA, arrange to visit one of their meetings as a alum — they'll love it.

Just as Election Day invites Americans to exercise their voting power, consider Back-to-School time an invitation to be an agent of change at your school. There's not a school out there that couldn't do a better job serving its gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students. And you might be the one to push your former elementary, middle, or high school in that direction.

So let's imagine a Back to the Future School where students eat out of Melissa Etheridge Family Values lunch boxes, tennis teams sport the latest Amelie Mauresmo Air Dyke Nike on their feet, and kids put on Boy George eyeliner when they check into the restroom following a history lesson on the role of drag queens at the Stonewall riots.

Or perhaps we can imagine a day when a civics class discussion will center around hypocrisy of the Clinton White House. And, no, Monica Lewinsky's name will not surface because the more noteworthy hypocrisy will, of course, be the illogic and injustice of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy of days gone by.

If we hope to see it enacted one day, then we have to be the ones who initiate it. In this age of e-mail, when activism is defined by long lists of names petitioning this or that to be forwarded on and on through the virtual world, I'll put my efforts into the kind of one-on-one activism that can take place when we go home, or, in this case back to school.

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HISTORY LESSON

Who was Lorraine Hansberry?

by David Bianco

August 1957 (42 years ago this month): Lorraine Hansberry, author of the award-winning play, writes to *The Ladder*, a lesbian magazine.

was born black and female," playwright Lorraine Hansberry wrote, summing up the influences on her life and work. If she had lived longer, she might have added "and lesbian" to her description of herself.

Both of Hansberry's parents were civil rights activists in Chicago. In 1938, when Lorraine was 8, the family moved from a black ghetto to a mostly white, middle-class neighborhood in order to challenge the city's Jim Crow housing laws. "Literally, howling mobs surrounded our house," Hansberry later wrote, recalling the angry white neighbors who threw bricks through her family's front window. The Hansberrys fought all the way to the Supreme Court for a black family's right to live where it pleased. Hansberry's landmark play, (1959), took its inspiration from her family's experiences with racial discrimination in housing.

In her high school yearbook, Hansberry wrote that her ambition was to be a journalist. After a few years of college at the University of Wisconsin, she moved to

expressed relief at having discovered the magazine: "I'm glad as heck you exist," she wrote. She also mused about everything from butch-femme culture to the gaps between lesbians and gay men, displaying a feminist awareness that would grow stronger over the next few years.

In August of that same year, "L.H.N." once again wrote the *The Ladder* with more feminist commentary. The connections she drew between sexism and homophobia were ahead of her time, and her political insights stood out from the magazine's other, lighter fare. "Homosexual persecution," Hansberry wrote, "has at its roots not only social ignorance, but a philosophically active anti-feminist dogma."

By 1957, Hansberry was already well into writing. Eighteen months after her second letter to *The Ladder*, she became an instant celebrity when the play opened on Broadway. Accompanying Hansberry on opening night was her close friend, James Baldwin, with whom she often went to gay bars and artists' hangouts in Greenwich Village. The two had met in 1957, during a dramatic production of Baldwin's gay-themed novel, *Giovanni's Room*. "She sat way up in the bleachers," Baldwin remembered, "taking on some of the biggest names in the American theater because she had liked the play and they, in the main, hadn't."



Past Out

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New York City and joined the editorial staff of Paul Robeson's radical journal, *Freedom*. Following in her parents' footsteps, she too became an activist for black civil rights. Hansberry wrote to a friend that she would "attend meetings almost every night, ... usher at rallies, make street corner speeches in Harlem." At a demonstration against the exclusion of blacks from university sports, she met Robert Nemiroff, a white Jewish intellectual and music producer, and the two married in 1953.

But the marriage lasted only a few years, because Hansberry soon began coming to terms with her lesbianism. Around 1957, she and Nemiroff quietly and amicably separated, though they didn't divorce until seven years later. At the same time, Hansberry joined the Daughters of Bilitis, the pioneering lesbian organization based in San Francisco, and began receiving their journal, *The Ladder*. She also subscribed to *ONE*, the homophile magazine published in Los Angeles.

In May 1957, Hansberry wrote the first of two thoughtful letters to *The Ladder*. Since the policy of the magazine was to identify letter writers only with initials, "L.H.N., New York, N.Y." followed Hansberry's letter. Barbara Grier, the editor at that time, identified Hansberry as the writer only after her death. In her letter, Hansberry

A *Raisin in the Sun* made theater history for African Americans and for women. Never before had a black woman writer's work appeared on a Broadway stage. "I had never in my life seen so many black people in the theater," Baldwin marveled about the opening night. After the play, in the alley behind the theater, Hansberry and Baldwin were mobbed by fans. "Lorraine handed me her handbag," Baldwin said, "and began signing autographs. 'It only happens once,' she said." Hansberry became the first African American and the fifth woman to win the New York Drama Critics' Award. Softened of some of its defiance, the play became a hit movie two years later.

Hansberry's second play, *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window* (1964), received only lukewarm reviews, however. She was criticized for writing about white people and straying from "black" topics. She also presented radical ideas about gay activism. "If you don't like the sex laws," Sidney, the protagonist, tells David, a gay male character, "attack 'em. ... Please get over the notion that your particular 'thing' is something that only the deepest, saddest, and most nobly tortured can know about. It ain't." Hansberry's words foreshadowed the "gay is proud" attitude of 1970s gay liberation.

Sadly, Hansberry's contributions to theater, to African Ameri-

can culture, and to gay liberation were all cut short. After a bout with ulcers, she learned in July 1964 that there were serious problems with her intestinal system. Six months later she died of cancer at the age of 34. Nemiroff, her literary executor, spent the next 25 years keeping her work alive. But Hansberry's sexual identity remained hidden until lesbian scholars brought it to light in the 1980s. ▼

Gay Essentials, a collection of David Bianco's Past Out history columns, is forthcoming from Alyson Publications this October. He can be reached at DaveBianco@aol.com. For more Past Out, visit www.planetout.com.

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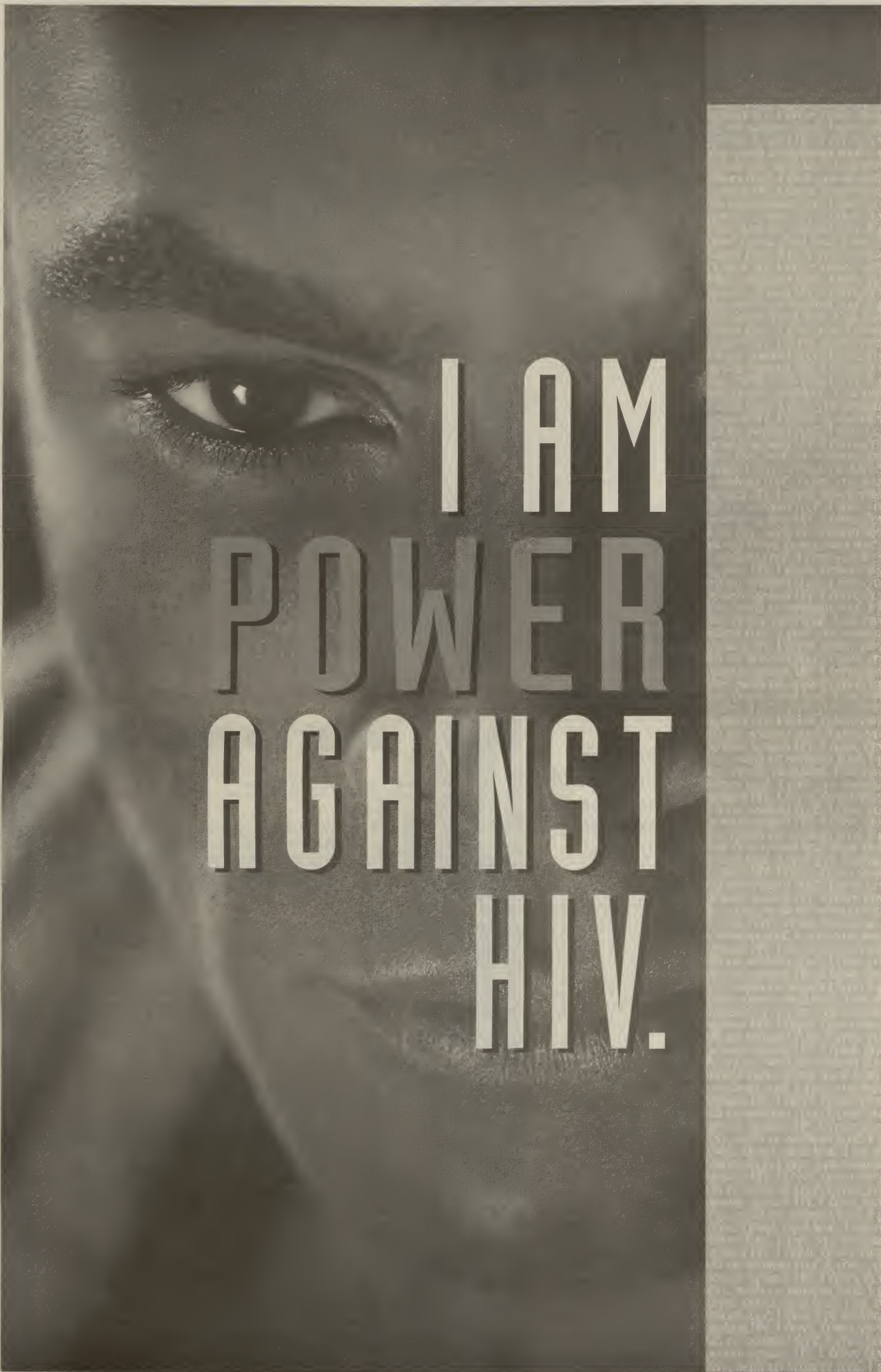
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MEDICATION GUIDE**ZIAGEN™ (z-EYE-uh-jen) (abacavir sulfate) Tablets and Oral Solution**

Established name: abacavir (uh-BACK-ah-veer) sulfate tablets and oral solution

In order to take Ziagen safely, you should read all of the information in this Medication Guide each time you fill your prescription for Ziagen.

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About 5% of patients (5 in 100) who take Ziagen have a hypersensitivity reaction (a serious allergic reaction) **that may result in death**. If you have **skin rash** or two or more of the following sets of symptoms, you may be having this kind of reaction:

- fever
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain
- severe tiredness, achiness, or generally ill feeling

A written list of these symptoms is on the Warning Card provided by your pharmacist. You should carry this Warning Card with you. **IF YOU NOTICE THESE SYMPTOMS WHILE TAKING ZIAGEN, STOP TAKING ZIAGEN AND CALL YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY.** If you must stop treatment with Ziagen because you have had this serious reaction, **NEVER TAKE ZIAGEN AGAIN.** If you take Ziagen again after you have had this serious reaction, **WITHIN HOURS** you may experience **LIFE-THREATENING** symptoms that may include **LOWERING OF YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE OR DEATH.**

Ziagen can have other serious side effects. Be sure to read "What are the possible side effects of Ziagen?" in the section to the right.

What is Ziagen?

Ziagen is a medication used to treat HIV infection. Ziagen is taken by mouth as a tablet or a strawberry-banana flavored liquid. It belongs to a class of anti-HIV medicines called nucleoside analogue reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs). Ziagen is only proven to work when taken in combination with other anti-HIV medications. When used in combination with these other medications, Ziagen helps lower the amount of HIV found in your blood and keep your immune system as healthy as possible so that it can help fight infection. However, Ziagen does not have these effects in all patients.

Ziagen does not cure HIV infection or AIDS. At this time, there is no evidence that Ziagen will help you live longer or have fewer of the medical problems that are associated with HIV infection or AIDS. Because of this, you must be sure to be seen regularly by your health care provider.

Who should not take Ziagen?

Do not take Ziagen if you have ever had a hypersensitivity reaction (a serious allergic reaction) to Ziagen. In such cases, you should return all of your unused Ziagen to your doctor or pharmacist for proper disposal.

How should I take Ziagen?

Take Ziagen exactly as your doctor prescribes it.

The usual dosage for adults (at least 16 years of age) is one 300-mg tablet twice a day.

Adolescents and children from 3 months to 16 years of age can also take Ziagen™ (abacavir sulfate) Tablets and Oral Solution. Your doctor will tell you if the oral solution or tablet is best for your child.

Also, your child's doctor will decide the right dose based on your child's weight and age. Ziagen has not been studied in children under 3 months of age.

Ziagen can be taken with food or on an empty stomach.

To help make sure that your anti-HIV therapy is as effective as it can be, be very careful to take all of your medication exactly as your doctor prescribed it and do not skip any doses.

If you miss a dose of Ziagen, take the missed dose immediately. Then, take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time.

When your supply of Ziagen and other anti-HIV drugs starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy. It is very important that you take anti-HIV drugs as prescribed by your doctor because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if one or more of the drugs is stopped, even for a short time.

What should I avoid while taking Ziagen?

Ziagen has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination. Continue to practice safe sex while using Ziagen. Do not use or share dirty needles.

Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or if you become pregnant while taking Ziagen. Ziagen has not been studied in pregnant women and the risk to the unborn child is not known.

Mothers with HIV should not breastfeed their infants because HIV in the breast milk can be passed to the infant.

What are the possible or reasonably likely side effects of Ziagen?

Some people have had a hypersensitivity reaction (a serious allergic reaction) to Ziagen, which can be fatal. Instructions on how to recognize a possible reaction, as well as what to do if such a reaction is suspected, are discussed in the section "What is the most important information I should know about Ziagen?"

The class of medicines to which Ziagen belongs (NRTIs) can cause a condition called lactic acidosis, together with an enlarged liver. In some cases, this condition can be fatal. Women are more likely than men to experience this rare but serious side effect.

Ziagen can cause other side effects. In studies, the most common side effects with Ziagen were nausea, vomiting, malaise or fatigue, headache, diarrhea, and loss of appetite. Most of these side effects did not cause people to stop taking Ziagen. This listing of side effects is not complete. Your doctor or pharmacist can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects with Ziagen. Talk to your doctor promptly about any side effects you have.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Ask a health care professional about any concerns about Ziagen. Professional labeling is available to your doctor and other health care professionals. If you want more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist to let you read the professional labeling.

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Patient Information about COMBIVIR® (lamivudine 150 mg/zidovudine 300 mg) Tablets

for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) Infection
Generic name: lamivudine/zidovudine tablets

Please read this information before you start taking COMBIVIR (pronounced KOM-bi-veer). Staying informed will help you to work more closely with your doctor and healthcare team to determine what is best for you. Remember, this information does not take the place of careful discussion with your healthcare provider. You should remain under a doctor's care when using COMBIVIR and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your healthcare provider.

What is COMBIVIR?

COMBIVIR is the brand name of a tablet that combines EPIVIR® Tablets (lamivudine tablets) [3TC[®]] and RETROVIR® (zidovudine) Tablets [ZDV], two drugs which are used to treat HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome).

How does COMBIVIR work?

COMBIVIR is a combination of lamivudine (la-MIV-u-deen) and zidovudine (zi-DOHV-u-deen), two medicines (nucleoside analogues) that slow down the replication of the HIV virus. This can reduce the virus' ability to infect new cells. It may help lower the amount of HIV in your body (called "viral load") and raise your CD4 (T) cell count. Lamivudine plus zidovudine when used together can have stronger (synergistic) effects against the virus. COMBIVIR is a convenient way of taking lamivudine and zidovudine. COMBIVIR should usually be taken with other anti-HIV therapy.

Will COMBIVIR work the same as EPIVIR and RETROVIR taken together?

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How should I take COMBIVIR?

Take COMBIVIR as your doctor prescribes it. The recommended dose is one COMBIVIR Tablet orally two times a day, with or without food. To help make sure you will benefit from COMBIVIR, you must not skip doses or take "drug holidays."

What should I do if I miss a dose of COMBIVIR?

If you miss a dose by more than 4 hours, wait and then take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time. However, if you miss a dose by less than 4 hours, take your missed dose immediately. Then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time. Do not take more or less than your prescribed dose of COMBIVIR at any one time.

Does COMBIVIR cure HIV infection or AIDS?

No, there is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. People taking COMBIVIR may still develop infections or other illnesses associated with HIV. Because of this, it is very important to remain under the care of a healthcare provider. Use of lamivudine plus zidovudine has been shown to help patients with HIV infection stay healthy and live longer.

Does COMBIVIR reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?

No, COMBIVIR, as well as other HIV medications, has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

Who should not take COMBIVIR?

You should not take COMBIVIR if you have had a serious allergic reaction to either lamivudine or zidovudine.

Do not take COMBIVIR at the same time as EPIVIR or RETROVIR because they also contain lamivudine and zidovudine.

Individual dosing with EPIVIR plus RETROVIR, rather than COMBIVIR, should be considered for:

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What medical problems or conditions should I discuss with my healthcare provider?

Talk to your healthcare provider if:

- You are pregnant or if you become pregnant while taking COMBIVIR® (lamivudine 150 mg/zidovudine 300 mg) Tablets. Ask your doctor about enrolling you in the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry: 1-800-258-4263.
- You are breastfeeding. Mothers infected with HIV should not breastfeed their infants because HIV is present in breast milk.

Also talk to your doctor about:

- Problems with your blood counts.
- Problems with your muscles.
- Problems with your kidneys.
- Problems with your liver, especially if you have mild or moderate liver disease, such as hepatitis.

Can COMBIVIR be taken with other medications?

Yes, COMBIVIR can be taken with most medications, including most anti-HIV drugs. Be sure to tell your healthcare provider about all medications, over-the-counter or prescription, that you are taking.

What are the possible side effects of COMBIVIR?

Do not rely on this summary alone for information about side effects. Your healthcare provider can discuss with you a more complete list of side effects that may be relevant to you.

The safety of COMBIVIR is not expected to be different from the safety of EPIVIR and RETROVIR given separately.

In clinical studies of lamivudine plus zidovudine, side effects occurring in 5% or more of patients included: muscle and joint pain, headache, nausea, weakness and fatigue, nasal symptoms, cough, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, neuropathy, trouble sleeping, fever or chills, loss of appetite, dizziness, abdominal pain or cramps, depression, skin rashes, and indigestion.

It's important to know that serious side effects can occur with COMBIVIR, such as a decrease in red and white blood cells and muscle damage. A buildup of lactic acid and an enlarged liver, including fatal cases, have been reported rarely with some HIV drugs, including nucleoside analogues.

For HIV-infected individuals, periodic blood tests are recommended. If certain changes occur in your laboratory results while you are taking COMBIVIR, particularly if you become anemic or if your white blood cell count falls too low, your medication may need to be adjusted; your doctor may prescribe EPIVIR plus RETROVIR separately in place of COMBIVIR.

Tell your doctor promptly about any side effects or other unusual symptoms you may experience.

Other Information

This medication is prescribed for a particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep COMBIVIR and all medicines out of the reach of children.

Like most prescription drugs, lamivudine and zidovudine were required to be tested on animals before they were allowed for human use. In animal studies with doses much higher than those used in humans, zidovudine was associated with vaginal tumors. Your healthcare provider can tell you more about how drugs are tested on animals and what the results of these tests may mean about safety for you.

How should I store COMBIVIR Tablets?

COMBIVIR Tablets may be stored at room temperature and do not require refrigeration.

This provides a summary of information about COMBIVIR. If you have any questions or concerns about COMBIVIR or HIV, talk to your healthcare provider.



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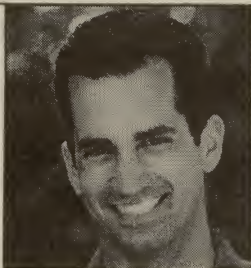
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Major offense on EVRC minor

by Jane Warner and
Ron McGlashan

Monday, August 9, 4:30 p.m., 100 Collingwood Street: Several young people at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center (EVRC) reported that a female friend of theirs was "making out" with an older man in the park who was seen giving the young girl a marijuana cigarette. When the director of the rec center went to investigate, he found the man and the 15-year-old girl, who was passed out on the man's lap. The director picked up the girl from the man's lap, carried her inside EVRC and then called 911. The girl, who was semi-conscious, was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

At the emergency room it was discovered that the girl had traces of marijuana, PCP, and alcohol in her bloodstream. The girl was treated and released to her parents. Responding police arrested James Wright, 32, for drug-related offenses. The suspect's bail was set at \$150,000. A copy of the police report was forwarded to Child Protective Services and the area will be monitored more closely for similar illegal activities.

Packing and unpacking in the Castro

Monday, August 9, 8 p.m., 19th and Diamond streets: A woman who lives in the Castro reports that as she was unloading packages from the trunk of her car, she noticed a man standing about two feet behind her. The woman

turned to see what he wanted and she saw that he had dropped his pants and was masturbating. She threw her packages back into the trunk, shut it and jumped into the car and sped off. When she found a phone booth around the corner she called 911 and the police responded and conducted an area search. The officers found the man in the same place where the woman was unloading her car and they arrested him. Booked for indecent exposure in public was 23-year-old Deshion Jones.

Armed robbery in the Castro

Monday, August 9, 8 p.m., 19th and Diamond streets: While walking on Diamond

Street near 19th, a victim was approached by a suspect who held a small black re-

volver in his left hand and told her, "Give me all your money, or I'll hit you in the face." The victim complied and gave him everything she had, amounting to \$17. Disappointed, the suspect rifled through her pockets and when he found nothing more, he ran down 19th Street toward Collingwood. Responding police searched the area but were unable to find the suspect. The culprit is described as a light-skinned African American male, between 17 and 19 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, wearing a long sleeve tan and brown flannel shirt.

Tire slashings, citywide

Officers of the SFPD Northern Station report that over the past week there has been over 60 incidents of people having the tires of

their vehicles slashed or punctured. An ice pick or other sharp instrument seems to be the item used to deflate the tires and police advise motorists to take advantage of public parking lots whenever possible, because the lots are often monitored and safer than parking on the streets. The problem appears to be citywide and there is no one area that appears to be special target to the activity. Tire slashings should be reported to the SFPD Office of General Work at (415) 553-1143.

Black tar still prevalent in Dolores Park

SFPD officers report that black tar heroin is still widely sold by San Francisco drug dealers, especially in the Dolores Park area and in the park's public restrooms. Apparently, the black tar traffic is handled by groups of men who keep the restroom doors ajar while behind them the drug transactions take place. Another hot spot for heroin trafficking is the park's west side hilltop, where the men and women of the SFPD streetcars stop for passengers. The SFPD encourages the public to use extreme caution in this area, as shootings and other violent activity have been associated with the drug dealing in the area. ▼

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Bodfish estates could top \$7 million

by Ed Walsh

Transgendered murder victim Emmon Bodfish controlled two estates that could top \$7 million, the Bay Area Reporter has learned. The longtime Orinda resident's personal estate could reach \$5 million and he also had control over his deceased mother's estate, which may be as high as \$2 million, according to Bodfish's attorney and executor, Garrett Riegg.

Riegg told the B.A.R. that Bodfish had "power of appointment" over his mother's estate meaning that Bodfish couldn't use the estate personally but had control over who would inherit the estate upon his death. Riegg said he believed most of that money will go to charities already designated by Bodfish, including the organization HERS (Hysterectomy Educational Resources and Services) which is expected to get at least \$1 million.

Orinda Park and Recreation Director Todd Skinner told the B.A.R. his department will discuss Bodfish's donation of his seven acre estate to the city of Orinda at its September 8 meeting. Orinda City Manager Bill Lindsay said it was too soon to know how the city will deal with Bodfish's request to have his

property turned into a public park or wildlife sanctuary. Lindsay said he hadn't yet seen Bodfish's will and was first informed of it by a staff member who read about it in the B.A.R.

Orinda police Sergeant Mark Hale told the B.A.R. they are presently "at a standstill" in the investigation into Bodfish's murder. Hale said they are waiting for some new information on the case that has the potential to change the focus of their investigation. Hale said he couldn't elaborate on the nature of that

information.

Hale said they are still working to rule out Bodfish's son, Max Wills, as a possible suspect in Bodfish's death. Wills committed suicide in a Santa Monica hotel, just hours after his grandmother told him Bodfish was dead. His body was found July 1. Bodfish was found dead on June 30. Bodfish's will lists his day of death as June 26. Hale said that is only an educated guess and they still aren't certain of the exact day when Bodfish was killed. ▼

Texas A&M president criticized for vetoing discrimination ban

United Press International

Texas A&M University President Ray Bowen is coming in for criticism from gay and lesbian students for vetoing a proposed student rule banning discrimination based on sexual orientation, it was reported Tuesday, August 17. Bowen says adopting such a policy could place the university in legal jeopardy because federal law does not extend anti-discrimination protection to gays and lesbians. The proposed rule had been approved by the Student Senate, Graduate Student Council and the Faculty Senate. Bowen said personally he believes all people are welcome at Texas A&M, including gay and lesbian people. ▼

'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' gets new rules

by Bob Roehr

The Department of Defense issued new rules last Friday, August 13, governing implementation of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) policy of gays in the military. Most opponents of DADT see it as a small, welcome step but generally as too little, too late.

One change recommends consultation with "senior legal officers at higher headquarters" before initiating of any investigation into sexual orientation. Another will initiate anti-harassment instructions as part of basic training and later during the course of service.

These revisions are among recommendations in a Pentagon report that has gathered dust for more than two years, despite the continued urging of the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) to implement them.

"What they gave out on Friday was two and a half pieces of paper," said SLDN attorney Stacey Sobel.

The change in investigations "is just a recommendation, it isn't mandatory." The scope and content of the anti-harassment training remains to be determined.

Sobel criticized the military for not issuing guidelines to limits on investigations into sexual orientation. "Until commanders know what they can and cannot do under the policy, violations are going to occur."

"The real issue is leadership," said SLDN co-director Michele Benecke. "Will leaders at every level of the military be committed to stopping anti-gay harassment?"

The July murder of Private First Class Barry Winchell at Fort Campbell, Kentucky is seen by many as a major reason why the changes were issued now. But the military cannot be accused of having a hair-trigger. It seemed content to continue sitting on the guidelines so long as the story played out in the media of Kentucky and Tennessee. Only when the story made it onto NBC News



Michelle Benecke

and the front page of the *Washington Post* did they act.

"The whole anti-gay policy itself generates the stigma that leads to the abuses they're trying to tidy up," said Evan Wolfson, an attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Lambda has challenged the gay ban in numerous court cases.

Wolfson said, "It really doesn't help to put a smiley face on what is from beginning to end a regime of discrimination." ▼

21 gay soldiers discharged in S. Carolina

United Press International

Army officials in Columbia, South Carolina said Tuesday, August 17 that 21 gay soldiers

have been discharged from Fort Jackson this year after admitting their homosexuality. Lieutenant Colonel Mel Olmscheid, Fort Jackson's top legal officer, said most of those soldiers volunteered the infor-

mation and were not victims of a "witch hunt." Olmscheid said a new Pentagon directive would limit investigations of homosexuals in the military and would also establish anti-gay harassment trainings. ▼

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Winchell hearing reveals murder details

by Bob Roehr

Priate First Class Barry Winchell died of injuries he received on July 5 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The investigation into his death has revealed some brutal facts. It has raised further questions about the Pentagon's policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) towards gays serving in the military. And it has evoked tantalizing questions of gender, identity, and perception where there are few sure answers.

The Army conducted a public judicial hearing on August 9 and 10 to determine if Private Calvin H. Glover, 18, will face a court-martial for the murder. That decision is likely by the end of the month. The evidence points to Glover as the one who repeatedly struck Winchell in the head with a baseball bat as he lay sleeping on a barracks cot.

Less clear is the motive behind it. Was the murder an anti-gay hate crime? Some of Winchell's colleagues on the base and in the nearby city of Nashville claim that it was. Their concerns drew the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) into the controversy.

But, was Winchell even gay? The question has layers of nuance that perhaps even the victim could not answer were he still alive. Yet that has not stopped others from offering their opinions.

The 21-year-old Winchell hailed from Kansas City, Missouri and joined the Army in 1997. He knew he was different from an early age. The most obvious was his dyslexia, a medical anomaly that makes it difficult to determine left from right. It can vary in severity and often makes reading difficult.

Winchell prospered in the Army, becoming an expert marksman with the .50-caliber machine gun, winning commendations for superior performance, studying to become a helicopter pilot.

It was a Sunday in late March when his roommate, Specialist Justin R. Fisher, 25, took him to The Connection, a bar in Nashville where female impersonators performed. That night Winchell met Cal "Calpernia" Addams, one of the performers, and they "just hit it off" said Addams. It was kismet. They began dating.

In an interview with the *Louisville Courier-Journal* Addams said, "Barry had been looking his entire life, he told me, for a way to feel comfortable with himself. He had only just begun to find that" in the gay community of Nashville. Addams says that Winchell came to self-identify as



Private First Class Barry Winchell

gay. The dead soldier's parents say, not surprisingly, that he never discussed the subject with them.

Winchell's amorous liaison did not go unnoticed at Fort Campbell. Soon rumors were swirling that the soldier was gay. His section leader, Sergeant Michael Kleifgen, testified that others in the unit "called him 'faggot' and stuff like that. I would say on a daily basis." The sergeant even "asked Winchell if he was gay. He said no." That question was a violation of DADT. No one intervened to stop the anti-gay harassment directed at Winchell.

Did Winchell lie when he denied being gay? The military's policy towards gays certainly would give him good reason to do so. But if President Bill Clinton does not consider a blow job to be sex, an opinion shared by a majority of Americans according to one survey, then perhaps Winchell, who was sleeping with a preoperative transsexual who lived as a woman 24 hours a day, really did not believe that he was sleeping with a man, or consider himself to be gay.

Glover was a braggart with a drinking problem, qualities that did not endear him to his fellow soldiers. He and Winchell fought on July 3. "Winchell kicked Glover's [butt]. It was a long time coming," testified Private First Class Arthur Hoffman, another member of the battalion.

Glover was taunted by some as having lost to a faggot, a deep wound in the macho world of soldiering. It festered within him. He vowed to "get even, kill him [Winchell]" others reported to Chief Warrant Officer Alfred Brown, who investigated the murder.

The opportunity came soon enough. The company celebrated the night of July 4 with a keg party. Winchell volunteered to

stay with the company mascot, a dog. He pulled a cot into a hallway rather than have the beast dirty the room he shared with Fisher.

At about 2:30 in the morning Glover and Fisher walked past the sleeping Winchell. "What's that faggot doing sleeping here?" Glover asked, according to portions of Fisher's written testimony presented at the hearing.

The pair continued to Fisher's room where Glover grabbed a baseball bat and walked around for about 10 minutes with a "psychotic" look on his face, making chopping motions with the bat. Glover left and returned about 20 minutes later. "Hey, I got some blood on your bat. Help me clean it up," Fisher wrote. Glover said he had hit Winchell as he lay sleeping.

"Winchell is dying," screamed Fisher as he pounded on the door of Private First Class Nikita Sanarov. They had to get him to the hospital. The base hospital could do little for Winchell whose skull was cracked, beaten so severely that it was swollen to the size of a basketball, according to his stepfather, Wally Kuttles. Winchell was taken by helicopter to Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville but died a few hours later.

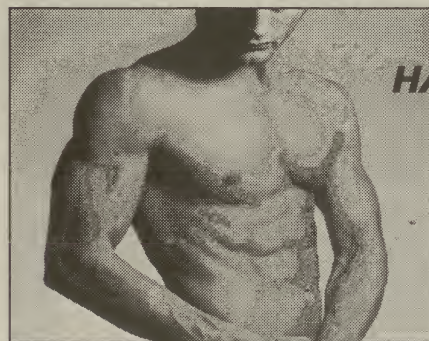
Army investigators later found blood on the door handle to Glover's room, as well as a T-shirt and socks which appeared to have blood on them. They recovered a pair of bloody jeans from a nearby dumpster. While in jail, Glover reportedly said he hit Winchell with the bat, and that he hated blacks and faggots.

Addams has a theory as to why Fisher encouraged the anti-gay harassment of his roommate, even though he was the one that introduced Winchell to the gay bar: "Fisher was attracted to me, according to Barry," she told the Associated Press.

More information likely will be brought forth at Fisher's hearing on four counts as an accessory to the murder and with obstructing the investigation. That hearing was originally scheduled for August 14 but was postponed to August 30 due to a change in his military counsel.

SLDN is concerned that the military investigators are not taking the anti-gay aspects of the case seriously enough, and that they lack the skills necessary to pursue the investigation of a potential hate crime.

"It really doesn't make a difference how Winchell identified," said SLDN's Stacey Sobel. "There was this perception that he was gay and it was because of that perception that he was attacked." ▼



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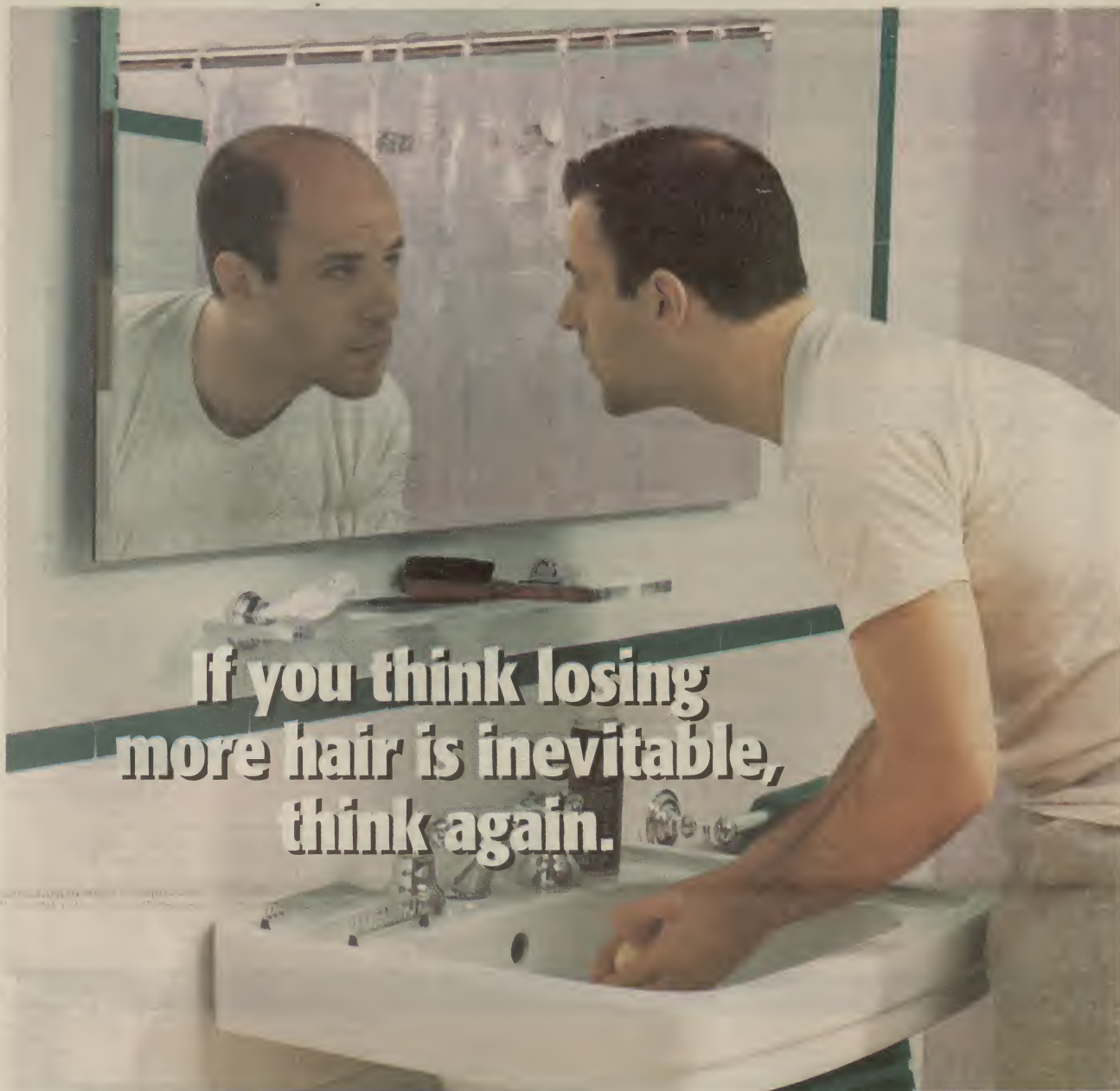


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On July 29, 1999 the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) targeted San Francisco's gay community with an official syphilis alert after four guys who cruise AOL chat rooms allegedly caught the bug. Last week, the DPH upgraded the four-case alert to a "serious syphilis outbreak" by placing an alarmist full-page ad in the gay press.

What the DPH failed to inform the public is that all sexually transmitted diseases, including syphilis, are at their lowest rates since the 1950s. Early syphilis cases have fluctuated between zero and eleven cases per month for over two years. The truth is that four monthly cases of syphilis are statistically insignificant in a city with 800,000 residents. Four cases are nothing new, do not constitute an outbreak and do not warrant the drastic measure of a DPH alert aimed at all gay men.

This alert is the latest in a barrage of DPH terror messages intended to control gay sexual behavior. Broadcast through the media, this type of fear campaign is an unwelcome intrusion into our personal sex lives that perpetuates the damaging stereotype of gay men as disease-ridden fags. It's no surprise that the right-wing Family Research Council prominently featured our health department's anti-homosex syphilis propaganda in their August 12 issue of *CultureFacts* under the headline "Unclean..."

The DPH's track record of contempt for Queers speaks for itself: demonizing gay sex through a repressive bathhouse prohibition; spying on gay men with federally-funded behavioral research; poisoning us in medically unsound AIDS vaccine and morning-after pill experiments; and now painting gay internet chat rooms as some sort of health threat.

ACT UP SF rejects the gay male community's permanent membership in the health department's plague-of-the-month club. The true agenda of the DPH is crystal clear — corrupt city officials, fixated on gay sex and greedy for research dollars, use AIDS, hepatitis, gonorrhea and now syphilis, to scare gay men into testing, treatment and abstinence. Those refusing to comply with this state-ordered sexual repression are vilified.

Wake up gay men! It's time to fight DPH lies and attack their anti-gay, anti-sex agenda. Let's run that mean queen Brown straight out of town — along with her hideous Mitch Katz and their research cronies at UCSF.

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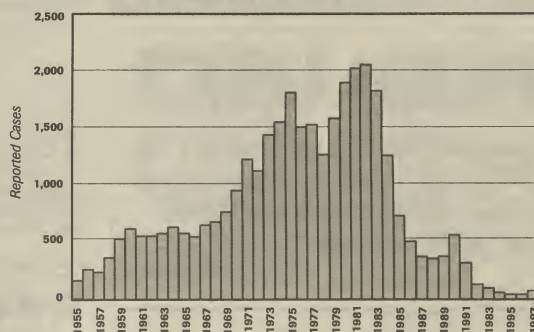
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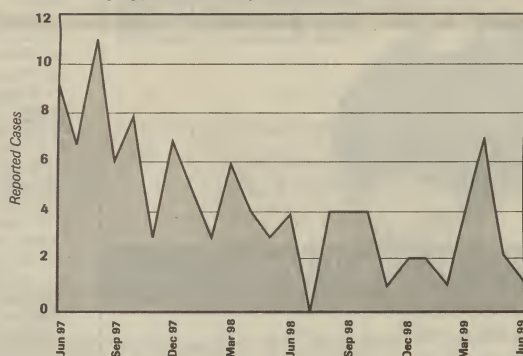


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Boy Scout roundup

by Bob Roeher

The Boy Scouts of America were exploring a fallback position to their ban on gay youth and adults in the organization even before they lost an appeal in the Supreme Court of New Jersey. The *Providence Journal-Bulletin* revealed the internal discussion in their August 14 edition.

The newspaper obtained a two-page resolution approved by the national leadership of the Scouts at their annual meeting in May. It authorized creation of a 12-member panel to study "the scientific and medical basis for the determination of sexual orientation" and report back next year. It opens the possibility of shifting their gay ban from one based on orientation to one based upon standards of sexual behavior.

The resolution stated in part, "Further delay in addressing this issue may result in the diminution of scouting's leadership as one of the nation's most effective character-building programs."

It expressed concern over the growing number of sponsors, including local police departments and United Way organizations,

that are disassociating themselves from the Scouts because of the policy. That action has both financial and leadership implications for the organization. But the resolution also noted that churches constitute the largest single class of sponsors of Scout troops.

The Girl Scouts of America has avoided a similar controversy by actively stating their welcome to all girls of the appropriate age, without discrimination.

Hotbed in Rhode Island

Rhode Island has been a hotbed of Boy Scout activity this month. A 16-year-old Eagle Scout was "fired" from his job at Camp Yawgoog when the director asked if he was gay, and the kid said yes.

About 90 of his young colleagues on the camp staff protested the firing with a sit-in in front of the camp's main office on August 5. The names of the youth and his family are being shielded to protect the minor.

His parents contacted a local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) which offered that the firing was in violation of the state Fair Employment Practices Act. Rhode Island extended full equal rights protec-

tions to gays in 1995.

A meeting of the youth, his family, and the camp director resolved the contending issues and he was offered his old job back. But that brought down the wrath of national Scout officials and more turmoil in the nation's smallest state.

It reached a standoff in a scouting version of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" where the Rhode Island Scouts are pretending that they didn't ask if the youth was gay, or that he responded affirmatively.

At the same time, an adult scoutmaster was expelled from the camp for using a newspaper photo of James Dale as a target at the camp rifle range. Dale is the Scout who won the New Jersey case. Camp officials also escorted off an adult whom a youth charged with molesting him while he slept. The man denies the charges.

In Chicago, a circuit court judge upheld a 1994 decision by the city's Human Rights Commission that the local Boy Scout affiliate may not discriminate against gays in its hiring practices.

Meanwhile, 14-year-old Eagle Scout Steven Cozza, a Petaluma resident and cofounder of Scout-

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trafficking received by the SFPD from area residents and merchants.

"Mayor Brown," Wood said, "I'm the attorney representing 1015 Folsom. It is apparently the position of the San Francisco Police Department that when an ambulance is called to a nightclub, the call is automatically attributed to a drug overdose, causing a mark against the nightclub that ultimately is a mark against the club's permits." Wood added that SFPD Southern Station Captain Dennis Martel assured Sandler that the police department would not unfairly target or blame nightclubs when ambulances are called to nightclub premises.

Brown committed his support for SOMA nightclubs and sided with the owners and promoters sitting before him, asserting that his office would focus special attention on the SFPD to see that officers are not targeting venues in a threatening or harassing manner. "I can assure you," Brown answered, "that I will see to it that the police are not unfairly harassing the club or the club's owners. If I find this to be the case, I will personally see to it that the officer responsible for the harassment is reprimanded."

Safe clubs, deadly doses

The 45-minute session revolved mostly around 1015 Folsom and the End Up, the two SOMA nightclubs hit hardest with citations over noise and alleged drug use and drug trafficking. Carl Hanken, owner of the End Up, also has received numerous citations at his club. Other clubs hit with multiple citations include the Sound Factory, Cat's Grill, and a host of gay bars including the Powerhouse, the Hole in the Wall, and My Place.

Several promoters addressed the problem of increased overdoses at SOMA clubs, raising the question of accountability. "We can control drug use inside our clubs and we do take actions to prevent it," said Sandler. "But we

can't control drug use that happens before people enter the club."

The heat started back in January when the SFPD reported that the body of a young man had been found in a parking lot near the End Up. The death was first attributed to an overdose of gamma hydroxy butyrate acid (GHB), and after toxicology reports were completed Medical Examiner Dr. Boyd Stevens told the *Bay Area Reporter* that GHB, ecstasy, cocaine, and a high level of alcohol were all found in the victim's body.

Earlier this summer the name of the victim, John Chaney, was released as the investigation closed, concluding that foul play was not a factor, but rather a dangerous mix of multiple chemicals, especially the GHB-alcohol combination, which caused Chaney's death. Two months after Chaney's death, Stevens said that his body was actually found at 155 Harriet Street, an alley next to 1015 Folsom. The conflicting stories led to intensified police focus on both clubs. Weeks later the SFPD Office of Public Affairs, led by Sherman Ackerson, issued a public health warning over the risks involved when GHB is combined with alcohol.

Shortly thereafter Hanken posted warning signs throughout the End Up, cautioning his patrons on the dangers of the drug and drink combination.

Things intensified after the GHB overdose death of Skylar Ringland in April. According to the Medical Examiner's office, Ringland's body contained a high level of GHB and alcohol, and speculation continues over whether Ringland willingly consumed GHB, or if her drink had been "spiked" with the colorless and odorless liquid. Friends reported to the B.A.R. that Ringland may have consumed the drug at either Minna Street Gallery or at the End Up, both popular SOMA nightclubs.

Safety matters

The mayor agreed with Sandler's position on drug consumption, stating, "You can't control what anybody's gonna do. You can

only do your best to provide a safe environment for everyone that enters through the club's doors." This statement, at least in the mayor's words, shifts responsibility away from nightclubs and more directly to club goers. Brown further emphasized the importance of cooperation between the SFPD and the clubs, and suggested that a quarterly meeting be established where he would attend in order to consult with SOMA club owners and promoters.

"I would like to have a quarterly meeting with all of you where we can come together and discuss the issues facing the South of Market clubs. I think if we all come together and openly discuss the concerns that you have about your clubs and about keeping them safe entertainment venues, then we will be doing the right thing to improve the environment South of Market and at the same time improve relations between you and the police department," Brown said.

Rounds of applause came from those listening to Brown, and as he indicated his need to leave for another appointment, he looked out at the crowd and said "In fact, I suggest we meet in two weeks. You got that Bevan? [Bevan Duffy, Brown's neighborhood services representative]." More applause followed the mayor's motion.

After Brown's speech Hanken opened the End Up's bar and offered drinks on the house. As mostly sodas and mineral waters were ordered, Hanken told the B.A.R. that he was satisfied with the mayor's decision to become more active in protecting SOMA clubs from undue harassment. "We have to work together with the SFPD," Hanken said. "And we have more to gain by working together with the SFPD than by not working together. I am very pleased by the mayor's words and I think this could make a difference for us and for 1015, as well as for the other clubs South of Market." ▼

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23, at 6 p.m. at the End Up.

Tel Aviv's lesbian councilmember has done a lot and hopes to do more

by Cynthia Laird

Israel has an openly lesbian city councilmember in Tel Aviv and Michal Eden was in San Francisco last week to meet with gay and lesbian colleagues here as well as to visit family. In an interview with the *Bay Area Reporter* Friday, August 13, she talked about her historic victory and her work since being elected in November 1998.

In Israel, people vote for a political party rather than a specific candidate. Eden was second of the winners from the MERETZ Party, a left-wing progressive party. She was elected mostly due to the help of the feminist and gay communities and made history by becoming Israel's first openly lesbian elected official. Tel Aviv is a city of roughly 400,000 people and is Israel's largest city. Eden, 30, described it as being the country's "most open and tolerant place" for lesbians and gays.

"It's not surprising I was elected in Tel Aviv," she told the *B.A.R.* "I don't expect this to happen in Jerusalem."

Eden said one of the interesting aspects of being gay or lesbian in Israel is that while the country has strong anti-discrimination laws, being gay is still not accepted socially by many people, which is why many in the gay communi-

ty remain closeted; Eden related difficult times she had with her own family when she came out.

"Israel is very progressive. A gay or lesbian person shouldn't be discriminated against at work. Even in the army they've changed regulations and gays and lesbians shouldn't be discriminated against," said Eden. "Israel is very, very progressive when it deals with legislation. But when it comes to community and social change, we're 20 years behind you."

"People are deep in the closet. We're equal by law and invisible in public," she added.

Israeli society is also very chauvinistic, Eden said. Women generally get half the salary as a man doing the same work. And religion plays into gay and lesbian life too. In the U.S., Eden pointed out, Jewish gays are very positive toward their Jewish identity. "In Israel, religion does oppose us. It's difficult to be Jewish and gay," she said. "There's a direct connection between Israel's identity as a Jewish state and gay and lesbian status."

The Tel Aviv City Council has 31 representatives who serve five-year terms. None get paid for the service, and Eden works full time for a computer software company. She has regular meetings in her City Hall office, which features a rainbow flag alongside the flag of Israel. People often stop by just to see the rainbow flag, she said.



Michal Eden, lesbian member of the Tel Aviv City Council.

Eden chairs the council's Committee for the Advancement of Women and the Human Rights Committee as well as the subcommittee for combating AIDS. One of her current projects is starting a shelter for homeless gay youth in Tel Aviv. "They don't go to regular shelters," she said.

That finding is the same as San Francisco, where there's a current controversy in the Castro over a homeless shelter for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning young people. Social service organizations here also say young people who are queer-identified don't want to go to

shelters that don't have services or sensitivity geared at queer youth.

In an effort to get citizens to practice safe sex, Eden has asked that condom machines be put in public garden areas where gays meet in Tel Aviv. An additional objective is to promote equal rights for same-sex couples and heterosexual couples and Eden wants to establish a memorial for gays murdered in the Holocaust.

The MERETZ Party is the only party in Israel that has a budget for gay and lesbian issues, she explained. Just about a month ago, the party changed its constitution and called for affirming gays and lesbians inside the party.

Slowly, gays and lesbians are becoming more visible. For the third time, there was a gay pride parade in Tel Aviv. Eden took part in the June event that she said was "very, very nice."

"I'm happy to see social change in Israel is happening," she said. "Israel is a state that deals with a lot of minorities and it sometimes forgets other minorities inside, such as gays and lesbians. The San Francisco gay community is my role model. I gain lots of support."

While Eden was in San Francisco, she met openly gay leaders including Supervisors Leslie Katz and Mark Leno, who are also Jewish, and Board President Tom Ammi-ano. Earlier this year, the board

adopted a resolution commending Eden and the local Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, and Sonoma counties for its work building bridges between the American and Israeli queer communities. San Francisco residents Simon Ginsky and Al Baum were two of several people who went to Israel recently for a groundbreaking gay pride tour of the country. Ginsky said the Jewish Community Endowment Fund, through the federation, has set up a special fund for lesbian and gay causes in Israel that people can contribute to.

Eden also met with representatives from several youth organizations, including the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC) and Larkin Street Youth Center.

When she returns to Tel Aviv, Eden will continue her work bringing about change in Israel. "Israel, too, is a multicultural place. Every fifth person is not Jewish. We have a very colorful place with new immigrants," she said. "We need social change and my election is part of it." ▼

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modeling" based on research conducted in the early 1980s to make comparisons between groups of men who have various types of anal and oral sex.

And while most mainstream media reports have ballyhooed the researchers' purported findings that unprotected receptive oral sex with ejaculation is of significant risk, and "does contribute somewhat to the HIV epidemic among gay and bisexual men," the study itself published in the August issue of the *American Journal of Epidemiology* notes that "most participants had multiple kinds of exposure with multiple partners—there were no seroconversions among people reporting only unprotected receptive oral sex (with ejaculation)..."

Furthermore, the study was simply not large enough, and suffered from lack of random control groups, making scientifically sound comparisons of the risks associated with various sexual practices between different subgroups a mathematical challenge. Eric Vittinghoff, Ph.D., epidemiologist with the University of California at San Francisco and the study's lead author, acknowledged that "with lower risk activities, the risk is low enough that the (statistical) model poops out."

The study also relies on self-reporting from the participants, and Vittinghoff suggests that there may have been some reluctance to admit risky activity to interviewers due to what he calls "social desirability issues."

And finally, the relevance of the research to gay sexual practices in 1999, and in different locations, is acknowledged as questionable. "We have no idea what impact treatment may be having on infectiousness; we believe it probably does have some im-

pact," said Buchbinder. "There are clearly a range of possible factors, including the characteristics of the HIV-infected and -uninfected persons, characteristics of the virus, and the particular details of how two people are having sex."

Other trends have changed the AIDS landscape over the last several years. "The proportion of men that are sexually active that are positive are going down," said Vittinghoff. "The trends in risk are perhaps reducing, but I wouldn't want to take that and engage in greater risk because of it..."

Figures given are represented as averages, and varied widely among the study participants. Among the study's findings, many of which require confirmation through further research:

- Average risk of being infected from any one episode of unprotected receptive anal sex with a known HIV-positive partner: one in 120. (Double the risk of being stuck by a needle previously used by a person infected with HIV, leading researchers to suggest that post-exposure prophylaxis, aka the "morning after pill," should be considered by gay men in this group.)

- Odds of being infected from a single episode of unprotected receptive anal sex with a partner of unknown status: one in 370.

- Average risk of infection from one episode of receptive anal sex with a condom with known HIV-positive partner: one in 1,000. (Condom breakage and slippage are suggested as possible contributing factors.)

- Being the insertive unprotected partner in anal sex may be five times less risky than being the receptive unprotected partner when the partner's status is not known.

- Average per-contact risk with unprotected receptive oral sex with ejaculation: one in 2,500. (Oral sex without ejaculation was not looked at.)

- Being the receptive oral partner with ejaculation might be 10 times less risky than being the receptive unprotected anal partner when you're not sure of your partner's status. (There was no differentiation made between anal sex with or without ejaculation.)

It is important to emphasize that these numbers are all averages: 49 participants were infected during the course of this

study; nine of these were infected after having sex only once or twice, while others managed to remain uninfected after hundreds of high-risk encounters.

"What (the study) sort of says is if you're trying to manage your level of risk, it's good to move to lower risk activities, but if you're having a lot of (lower risk) sex, your risk is still high," Buchbinder told the B.A.R.

"Instead of getting lost in the numbers and statistics, gay men need to continue to have honest and frank discussions about what happens when they become intimate with each other," James Nguyen, communications director at the Stop AIDS Project, told the B.A.R. "It's important for gay men to feel comfortable in talking about such issues as disclosure."

At least two community activists expressed suspicion that the study is part of a continuing campaign on the part of the DPH and the CDC to thwart gay sexual freedom by over-hyping the risks associated with sex. "These experiments are psychologically damaging to gay men," Dave Pasquarelli of ACT UP/San Francisco told the B.A.R. "The gay

community is disenchanted with having our sex lives scrutinized by people like Buchbinder."

"The intent is not to scare people off from having sex," said Buchbinder. "The intent is to help people to manage their level of risk, to empower them, not to tell them that sex is bad."

Activist Michael Petrelis said that he was most frustrated with the way in which this type of study is designed without participation from the community, and the way the results are released "without opportunity for questions and comment." However, Buchbinder told the B.A.R. that a community meeting will be held next Thursday to discuss the results, leading Petrelis to state that "I think this is a terrifically good development." ▼

A community meeting sponsored by the DPH and the Stop AIDS Project, to discuss the results from this study, focusing on the risk of infection from oral sex, will be held Thursday, August 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. For location and other information, contact DPH at (415) 554-9068.

New candidate for first AIDS case

by Liz Highleyman

Last week scientists pushed back by a decade the date of the first known case of HIV infection in the United States with the discovery of antibodies to the virus in frozen serum and tissue samples from a 15-year-old African American male prostitute who died in St. Louis in 1969. The youth died with extensive lymph node enlargement and Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer found in per-

sons with weakened immune systems. Prior to the recent discovery, the earliest known cases of HIV infection in the U.S. dated from the late 1970s.

The recent results were presented by Robert Garry and colleagues from Tulane University Medical Center in New Orleans at the 11th International Congress of Virology in Sydney, Australia. According to the researchers, the new discovery challenges the widely held theory that HIV evolved from the simian immun-

odeficiency virus (SIV) by crossing the species barrier some time in the late 1970s.

The new findings also suggest that a different, less virulent form of HIV may have been present in humans before it evolved into the strain that has been linked to widespread illness and death—especially among gay men—beginning in 1981. The results also suggest that the virus mutated more slowly than previously believed.

Garry's team used polymerase chain reaction (PCR) technology

to analyze gene sequences from the frozen tissue, and determined that the youth was infected with an HIV subtype related to the one now widely believed to be the cause of AIDS. According to Garry, HIV may have existed in humans for years before the recent pandemic.

"Current thinking is that the virus came from chimps 50 to 60 years ago. ... This evidence shows that strains of the virus began mutating in humans a long time before that," he said. ▼

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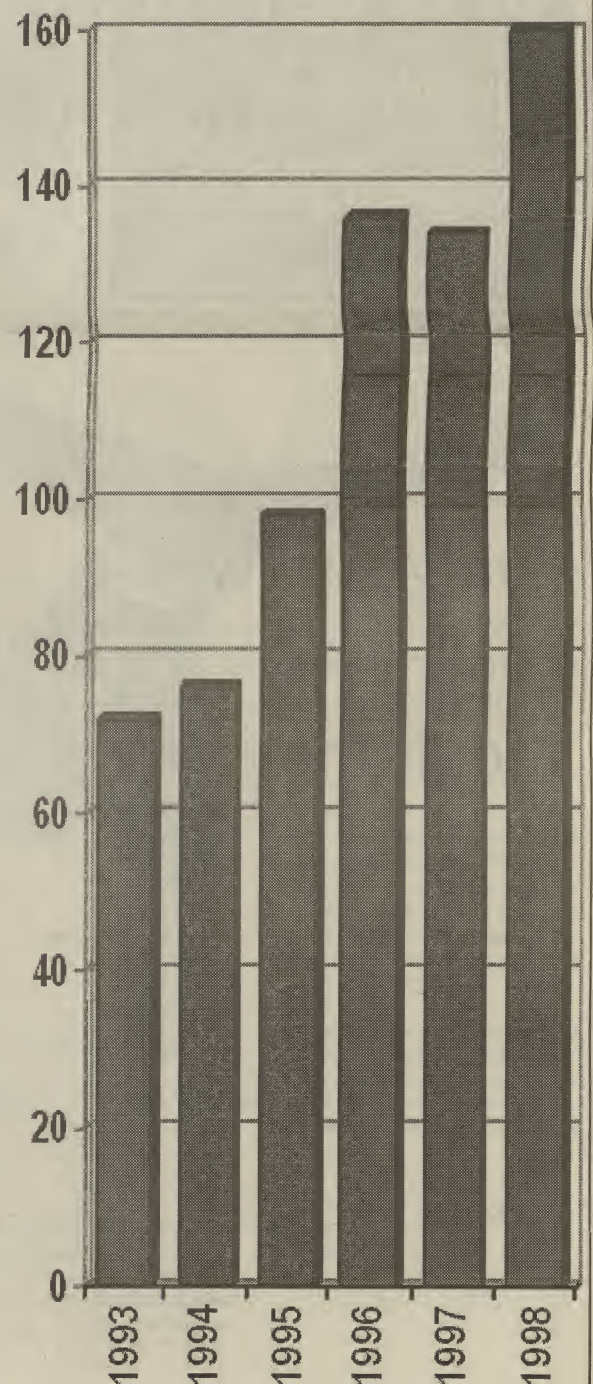
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BAY AREA REPORTER

Reno Pride this weekend

by Mark Norby

All those ready for a road trip might head northeast to Reno this weekend as the casino cow town hosts its third annual Gay Pride celebration August 20 and 21. The two-day party includes Reno's first-ever gay pride march and parade on Saturday through the downtown district led by San Francisco's own Pride Executive Director Teddy Witherington, who was elected grand marshal of Reno Gay Pride.

The theme of this year's event, "Step Off the Curb and March for Freedom," will focus special attention on Nevada's passing of Legislative Assembly Bill 311, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, introduced by that state's only openly gay legislator, David Parks.

"We're not only celebrating the passage of Bill 311, but also the remarkable 30th anniversary of the Stonewall riots," said Reno Gay Pride Executive Director Kaye Crawford. "We have so many reasons to celebrate this

year; we've come such a long way. Nevada now joins 10 other states that ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation, and we feel fortunate to be so near to San Francisco where so much has been accomplished in the fight for gay rights."

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and performance troupe Cheer San Francisco also will join the Reno festivities. In addition, 10 of the Castro's rainbow flags have been loaned to the Reno pride committee to decorate the parade route. The Sierra Pacific Power Company will donate its time and equipment to hang the flags. The Sisters will cap the weekend with a fundraiser at Carl's Pub in downtown Reno. ▼

Saturday's march and parade starts at 10 a.m. under the Reno Arch on Commercial Row near South Virginia Street, ending at the Reno courthouse. Information on the event as well as info on accommodations is available by calling Kaye Crawford at (775) 825-2117.

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Description of Clinical Studies: COMBIVIR. There have been no clinical trials conducted with COMBIVIR. See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY for information about bioequivalence. One COMBIVIR Tablet given twice a day is an alternative regimen to EPVIR Tablets 150 mg twice a day plus RETROVIR 600 mg per day in divided doses. **Lamivudine Plus Zidovudine:** The NUCB3007 (CAESAR) study was conducted using EPVIR 150-mg Tablets (150 mg b.i.d.) and RETROVIR 100-mg Capsules (2 x 100 mg b.i.d.). CAESAR was a multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled study comparing continued current therapy [zidovudine alone (62% of patients) or zidovudine with didanosine or zalcitabine (38% of patients)] to the addition of EPVIR or EPVIR plus an investigational non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor, randomized 1:2:1. A total of 1816 HIV-infected adults with 25 to 250 (median 122) CD4 cells/mm³ at baseline were enrolled; median age was 36 years, 87% were male, 84% were nucleoside-experienced, and 16% were therapy-naïve. The median duration on study was 12 months. Results are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Number of Patients (%) With At Least One HIV Disease-Progression Event or Death

Endpoint	Current Therapy (n = 460)	EPVIR plus Current Therapy (n = 466)	EPVIR plus a NNRTI* plus Current Therapy (n = 460)
HIV progression or death	90 (19.6%)	86 (9.6%)	41 (8.9%)
Death	27 (5.9%)	23 (2.6%)	14 (3.0%)

*An investigational non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor not approved in the United States.

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WARNINGS: COMBIVIR is a fixed-dose combination of lamivudine and zidovudine. Ordinarily, COMBIVIR should not be administered concomitantly with either lamivudine or zidovudine.

The complete prescribing information for all agents being considered for use with COMBIVIR should be consulted before combination therapy with COMBIVIR is initiated.

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Myopathy: Myopathy and myositis, with pathological changes similar to that produced by HIV disease, have been associated with prolonged use of zidovudine, and therefore may occur with therapy with COMBIVIR. **PRECAUTIONS:**

General: Reduction of doses of lamivudine is recommended for patients with low body weight (less than 50 kg or 110 lb); therefore patients with low body weight should not receive COMBIVIR.

Patients With HIV and Hepatitis B Virus Coinfection: In clinical trials and postmarketing experience, some patients with HIV infection who have chronic liver disease due to hepatitis B virus infection experienced clinical or laboratory evidence of recurrent hepatitis upon discontinuation of lamivudine. Consequences may be more severe in patients with decompensated liver disease.

Patients With Impaired Renal Function: Reduction of the dosages of lamivudine and zidovudine is recommended for patients with impaired renal function. Patients with creatinine clearance ≤50 mL/min should not receive COMBIVIR.

Information for Patients: COMBIVIR is not a cure for HIV infection and patients may continue to experience illnesses associated with HIV infection, including opportunistic infections. Patients should be advised that the use of COMBIVIR has not been shown to reduce the risk of transmission of HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination. Patients should be informed that the major toxicities of COMBIVIR are neutropenia and/or anemia. They should be told of the extreme importance of having their blood counts followed closely while on therapy, especially for patients with advanced HIV disease. Patients should be advised of the importance of taking COMBIVIR as it is prescribed.

Drug Interactions: Coadministration of ganciclovir, interferon-α, and other bone marrow suppressive or cytotoxic agents may increase the hematologic toxicity of zidovudine (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY section of full prescribing information).

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, and Impairment of Fertility: Carcinogenicity:

Lamivudine: Lamivudine long-term carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats showed no evidence of carcinogenic potential at exposures up to 10 times (mice) and 58 times (rats) those observed in humans at the recommended therapeutic dose.

Zidovudine: Zidovudine was administered orally at three dosage levels to separate groups of mice and rats (50 females and 50 males in each group). Initial single daily doses were 30, 60, and 120 mg/kg per day in mice and 80, 220, and 600 mg/kg per day in rats. The doses in mice were reduced to 20, 30, and 40 mg/kg per day after day 90 because of treatment-related anemia, whereas in rats only the high dose was reduced to 450 mg/kg per day on day 91 and then to 300 mg/kg per day on day 279.

In mice, seven late-appearing (after 19 months) vaginal neoplasms (five nonmetastasizing squamous cell carcinomas, one squamous cell papilloma, and one squamous polyp) occurred in animals given the highest dose. One late-appearing squamous cell papilloma occurred in the vagina of a middle-dose animal. No vaginal tumors were found at the lowest dose.

In rats, two late-appearing (after 20 months), nonmetastasizing vaginal squamous cell carcinomas occurred in animals given the highest dose. No vaginal tumors occurred at the low or middle dose in rats. No other drug-related tumors were observed in either sex of either species.

At doses that produced tumors in mice and rats, the estimated drug exposure (as measured by AUC) was approximately three times (mice) and 24 times (rat) the estimated human exposure at the recommended therapeutic dose of 100 mg every 4 hours.

Two transplacental carcinogenicity studies were conducted in mice. One study administered zidovudine at doses of 20 mg/kg per day or 40 mg/kg per day from gestation day 10 through parturition and lactation with dosing continuing in offspring for 24 months postnatally. The doses of zidovudine employed in this study produced zidovudine exposures approximately three times the estimated human exposure at recommended doses. After 24 months, at the highest dose, an increase in incidence of vaginal tumors was noted with no increase in tumors in the liver or lung or any other organ in either gender. These findings are consistent with results of the standard oral carcinogenicity study in mice, as described earlier. A second study administered zidovudine at maximum tolerated doses of 12.5 mg/day or 25 mg/day (1000 mg/kg nonpregnant body weight or ~450 mg/kg of term body weight) to pregnant mice from days 12 through 18 of gestation. There was an increase in the number of tumors in the lung, liver, and female reproductive tracts in the offspring of mice receiving the higher dose level of zidovudine.

It is not known how predictive the results of rodent carcinogenicity studies may be for humans.

Mutagenicity: Lamivudine was negative in a microbial mutagenicity screen, in an in vitro cell transformation assay, in a rat micronucleus test, in a rat bone marrow cytogenetic assay, and in an assay for unscheduled DNA synthesis in rat liver. It was mutagenic in a L5178Y/TK⁺ mouse lymphoma assay and clastogenic in a cytogenetic assay using cultured human lymphocytes.

Zidovudine: Zidovudine was mutagenic in a L5178Y/TK⁺ mouse lymphoma assay, positive in an in vitro cell transformation assay, clastogenic in a cytogenetic assay using cultured human lymphocytes, and positive in mouse and rat micronucleus tests after repeated doses. It was negative in a cytogenetic study in rats given a single dose.

Impairment of Fertility: Lamivudine: In a study of reproductive performance, lamivudine, administered to male and female rats at doses up to 130 times the usual adult dose based on body surface area considerations, revealed no evidence of impaired fertility (judged by conception rates) and no effect on the survival, growth, and development to weaning of the offspring.

Zidovudine: Zidovudine, administered to male and female rats at doses up to 7 times the usual adult dose based on body surface area considerations, had no effect on fertility judged by conception rates.

Pregnancy: Pregnancy Category C.

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COMBIVIR® Tablets (lamivudine/zidovudine tablets): There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of COMBIVIR in pregnant women. Reproduction studies with lamivudine and zidovudine have been performed in animals (see Lamivudine and Zidovudine sections below). COMBIVIR should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefits outweigh the risks.

Lamivudine: Reproduction studies with orally administered lamivudine have been performed in rats and rabbits at 130 and 600 times, respectively, the usual adult dose (based on relative body surface area) and have revealed no evidence of teratogenicity. Some evidence of early embryolethality was seen in the rabbit at doses similar to those produced by the usual adult dose and higher, but there was no indication of this effect in the rat at orally administered doses up to 130 times the usual adult dose. Studies in pregnant rats and rabbits showed that lamivudine is transferred to the fetus through the placenta.

Zidovudine: Reproduction studies with orally administered zidovudine in the rat and in the rabbit at doses up to 500 mg/kg per day revealed no evidence of teratogenicity with zidovudine. Zidovudine treatment resulted in embryofetal toxicity as evidenced by an increase in the incidence of fetal resorptions in rats given 150 or 450 mg/kg per day and rabbits given 500 mg/kg per day. The doses used in the teratology studies resulted in peak zidovudine plasma concentrations (after one-half of the daily dose) in rats 66 to 226 times, and in rabbits 12 to 87 times, mean steady-state peak human plasma concentrations (after one-sixth of the daily dose) achieved with the recommended daily dose (100 mg every 4 hours). In an additional teratology study in rats, a dose of 3000 mg/kg per day (very near the oral median lethal dose in rats of 3683 mg/kg) caused marked maternal toxicity and an increase in the incidence of fetal malformations. This dose resulted in peak zidovudine plasma concentrations 350 times peak human plasma concentrations. No evidence of teratogenicity was seen in this experiment at doses of 600 mg/kg per day or less. Two rodent carcinogenicity studies were conducted (see Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility).

Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry: To monitor maternal-fetal outcomes of pregnant women exposed to COMBIVIR and other antiretroviral agents, an Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry has been established. Physicians are encouraged to register patients by calling 1-800-258-4263.

Nursing Mothers: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that HIV-infected mothers not breastfeed their infants to avoid risking postnatal transmission of HIV infection.

COMBIVIR: Zidovudine is excreted in breast milk (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Pharmacokinetics). Nursing Mothers subsection of full prescribing information); however, no data are available on COMBIVIR or lamivudine. Therefore, there is a potential for adverse effects in nursing infants. Mothers should be instructed not to breastfeed if they are receiving COMBIVIR.

Pediatric Use: COMBIVIR should not be administered to pediatric patients less than 12 years of age because it is a fixed-dose combination that cannot be adjusted for this patient population.

ADVERSE REACTIONS:

Lamivudine Plus Zidovudine Administered As Separate Formulations: In four randomized, controlled trials of EPVIR 300 mg per day plus RETROVIR 600 mg per day, the following selected clinical and laboratory adverse events were observed (see Tables 2 and 3).

Table 2: Selected Clinical Adverse Events (≥5% Frequency) in Four Controlled Clinical Trials With EPVIR 300 mg/day and RETROVIR 600 mg/day

Adverse Event	EPVIR plus RETROVIR (n = 251)
Body as a whole	
Headache	35%
Malaise & fatigue	27%
Fever or chills	10%
Digestive	
Nausea	33%
Diarrhea	18%
Nausea & vomiting	13%
Anorexia and/or decreased appetite	10%
Abdominal pain	9%
Abdominal cramps	6%
Dyspepsia	5%
Nervous system	
Neuropathy	12%
Insomnia & other sleep disorders	11%
Dizziness	10%
Depressive disorders	9%
Respiratory	
Nasal signs & symptoms	20%
Cough	18%
Skin	
Skin rashes	9%
Musculoskeletal	
Musculoskeletal pain	12%
Myalgia	8%
Arthralgia	5%

Pancreatitis was observed in three of the 656 adult patients (<0.5%) who received EPVIR in controlled clinical trials.

Selected laboratory abnormalities observed during therapy are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Frequencies of Selected Laboratory Abnormalities Among Adults in Four Controlled Clinical Trials of EPVIR 300 mg/day plus RETROVIR 600 mg/day*

Test (Abnormal Level)	EPVIR plus RETROVIR (n)
Neutropenia (ANC<750/mm ³)	7.2% (237)
Anemia (Hgb<8.0 g/dL)	2.9% (241)
Thrombocytopenia (platelets<50,000/mm ³)	0.4% (240)
ALT (>5.0 x ULN)	3.7% (241)
AST (>5.0 x ULN)	1.7% (241)
Bilirubin (>2.5 x ULN)	0.8% (241)
Amylase (>2.0 x ULN)	4.2% (72)

ULN = Upper limit of normal.

ANC = Absolute neutrophil count.

n = Number of patients assessed.

*Frequencies of these laboratory abnormalities were higher in patients with mild laboratory abnormalities at baseline.

Observed During Clinical Practice: In addition to adverse events reported from clinical trials, the following events have been identified during post-approval use of EPVIR and/or RETROVIR. Because they are reported voluntarily from a population of unknown size, estimates of frequency cannot be made. These events have been chosen for inclusion due to a combination of their seriousness, frequency of reporting, or potential causal connection to EPVIR and/or RETROVIR.

Endocrine and Metabolic: Hyperlipidemia.

General: Sensitization reactions (including anaphylaxis), vasculitis.

Hepatobiliary Tract and Pancreas: Lactic acidosis and hepatic steatosis (see WARNINGS), pancreatitis.

Musculoskeletal: Muscle weakness, CPK elevation, rhabdomyolysis.

Nervous: Seizures.

Skin: Alopecia, erythema multiforme, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, urticaria.

OVERDOSAGE:

COMBIVIR: There is no known antidote for COMBIVIR.

Lamivudine: One case of an adult ingesting 6 grams of lamivudine was reported; there were no clinical signs or symptoms noted and hematologic tests remained normal. It is not known whether lamivudine can be removed by peritoneal dialysis or hemodialysis.

Zidovudine: Acute overdoses of zidovudine have been reported in pediatric patients and adults. These involved exposures up to 50 grams. The only consistent findings were nausea and vomiting. Other reported occurrences included headache, dizziness, drowsiness, lethargy, confusion, and one report of a grand mal seizure. Hematologic changes were transient. All patients recovered. Hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis appear to have a negligible effect on the removal of zidovudine while elimination of its primary metabolite, GZDV, is enhanced.

DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: The recommended oral dose of COMBIVIR for adults and adolescents (at least 12 years of age) is one tablet (containing 150 mg of lamivudine and 300 mg of zidovudine) twice daily.

Dose Adjustment: Because it is a fixed-dose combination, COMBIVIR should not be prescribed for patients requiring dosage adjustment such as those with reduced renal function (creatinine clearance ≤50 mL/min), those with low body weight (<50 kg or 110 lb), or those experiencing dose-limiting adverse events.

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Deadline for obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m., with the exception of special display ad obituaries, which must be submitted by Friday at 3 p.m.

Frank Smith



Frank passed to a better place on Friday evening, August 13, 1999 after a two-year battle with cancer.

He was born on February 18, 1952 in Placerville, California, a descendant of pioneers who settled there in 1853.

He grew up in the Sacramento area and made San Francisco his home for the past 21 years. During the Vietnam War he served in the Navy where he was an operating-room technician.

Frank was a very kind and caring person. He was a long-time volunteer for Project Open Hand, was an avid reader, and he loved the outdoors. Though he had many disappointments during his

illness, he never lost his love of life, and he continued the fight to the end.

Frank is survived by his partner, John Porter, a loving family, his mother and stepfather Dorothy and Bob Roman, and many brothers, sisters, and aunts. He is also survived by his long-time close friend, Vicky Moreno.

Special thanks to Dr. Stan Rogers at SFGH and Dr. Elliot Krames of the Pacific Pain Treatment Center for the care they provided.

Frank is gone, but will always remain in the hearts of those who loved him. He is now at peace without pain. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society (1-800-227-2345).

William R. Thorne

August 24, 1963 — August 4, 1999



Bill died peacefully with his loving partner, Armin Lindenger, at his side. A long-term AIDS survivor, Bill succumbed to liver cancer due to chronic active hepatitis B. At U. Mass.

Boston in the early 1980s, Bill led an aggressive outreach effort to educate gay men about AIDS, safer sex, and the importance of vaccination against hepatitis B. In the 1990s, Bill worked with the FDA and Sero Laboratories to make human growth hormone available as a treatment for wasting syndrome. Bill's charismatic leadership inspired others to become treatment activists.

Bill is also survived by his mother, Evelyn; sister Alice Bennett; brothers Richard, Robert, John and John (Flaherty); friends Virg Parks, Stephen LeBlanc, Edward Zold and John Birmingham; and his fellow AIDS activists. Bill was predeceased by his father, Richard, and

his previous partner, Ron Nemeth.

During his final illness, Bill was attended wonderfully by his doctor, Mary Romney, and nurses Mary O'Connor and Vicki Beckles.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at the San Francisco Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka St., on Saturday, September 18, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Donations may be made to ACT UP/Golden Gate, 519 Castro St., Box 93, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Gary Lynn White

January 10, 1968 — August 8, 1999



Gary passed away in the loving care of the special angels of Maitri Hospice at 401 Duboce Avenue on Sunday, August 8, 1999.

My special son, your Light had faded, but your star shines bright in heaven. Seventeen years knowing you, I would not change one day. You will always be my special brat. I will miss you.

— Mama Donna Lisa

In Loving Memory



Paul Lythgoe

Aug. 17, 1954 - Aug. 20, 1989

Empress Ginger remembered as skilled fundraiser

by Cynthia Laird

Empress Ginger, the Absolute Fourteenth Empress of San Francisco, (aka Bill Harrison) died July 29 at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco from a heart-related problem; he was 78. Empress Ginger was the spectacular creation of Bill Harrison, a man who was a pioneer and a leader in the city's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community.

A memorial service for Ginger takes place next Sunday, August 29, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1568 Bush Street, at Gough, in San Francisco. A celebration of Ginger's life will be held following the service at Marlena's bar on Hayes Street, just east of Gough.

Empress Ginger was a founding member of the Imperial Court of Trustees. He set standards of conduct, provided stability, and gave strength to the court, an organization that became a strong foundation for the gay community. This was a person who understood the art of illusion and created an image that was a marvel to watch. For years, this entertainer, event coordinator, and monitor for many Imperial Court elections, was a trusted friend to many and a true San Francisco personality.

Empress Ginger was one of the city's most skillful fundraisers and he demonstrated this ability repeatedly for more than 20 years, raising literally tens of thousands of dollars.

Ginger's most recent activity may have been the most personally rewarding. It was called "Sissy Spaceout's World's Smallest Drag Show." Presented in the Wooden Horse, possibly the city's smallest bar; over \$20,000 was raised and presented to Project Open Hand. These regularly scheduled shows kept alive the memory of Sissy Spaceout, a person whose love and caring gave special meaning to the life of Empress Ginger.

Sissy Spaceout, also an Empress of San Francisco, was in actuality, Steven Lindsay. Together, Harrison and Lindsay created an enduring relationship that would not end until Lindsay's death. They used the system of Emperors and Emperors to create activities that were successful, fun, entertaining, and also raised money for the community.

Bill Harrison was a strong influence in the development of the city's LGBT community. Harrison was a member of the San Francisco Tavern Guild, an association of gay bar owners and employees. He was a member of SIR, the Society for



Empress Ginger XIV

Individual Rights, as well as Operation Concern. Each of these groups contributed to the emergence of what became San Francisco's gay mecca.

Harrison was an active participant in the production and presentation of Gay Games I in San Francisco in 1982 and served on the advisory board of the Cable Car Awards. He also assisted in the management of the AIDS Emergency Fund.

In 1989, Harrison served as co-chair of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration. It would be the only year in the event's history when the parade started at the corner of Castro and Market streets. Harrison also served on the parade's board of directors for several years.

Harrison received several citations and honors. To celebrate his 70th and 75th birthdays, San Francisco mayors proclaimed the day in his honor. Mayor Willie Brown presented Empress Ginger a second honor to acknowledge his fundraising efforts. Harrison received a Cable Car Award and was named Man of the Year.

Harrison served in the U.S. Navy and later worked at the Veterans Hospital in San Francisco.

Empress Ginger, a pioneer of the community as well as the Imperial Family, will be remembered for his concern for others and his desire to have fun. Ultimately, he became known as the "Imperial Grandma." ▼



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Swim, swam, swum

by Jim Provenzano

Last Saturday's Swim SF '99 packed over 170 swimmers into the first Tsunami-sponsored, Bay Area sanctioned swim meet since Gay Games II. Most competitors had been warming up since dawn for a day full of heats, camaraderie, and no false starts.

I got there at the crack of noon to find plenty of splashy action going on, even after the last Hostess Cupcake was sold at the mini concession stand (The nearest food was 10 blocks away through some desolately silent residential blocks to Ortega and 44th. Where are all the people?), but I guess it's not a big eating day for swimmers. Shoul-da packed a lunch.

Gay and lesbian swimmers from Seattle, Los Angeles, Ann Arbor, Ohio, Montreal and other cities competed in a swift array of lane events, as well as in a bit of water polo, which now I understand really is the underdog of swimming, since all the other swimmers cleared the pool before they even got the goal posts set up. I mean, I understand their being exhausted and all. Still, the pick-up match was fun to watch, as was the patient ref who kept offering tips.

Congrats to Meet Director Joe Healy and all his Tsunami helpers, who put together a "swimadelic" event, as said the logo on the tied-dyed T-shirts commemorating it.

Many aquatic types were seen about town Saturday night at club events, showing off their hardware, including pins, awards and ribbons, some designed by Jan Michaels.

Cash doling was also an event of First Place proportions. Project Open Hand got a lovely oversized cardboard check for \$4,000. I got to meet Neil Hart, who was one of the biggest fundraisers at the Swim Against Hate. (Correction: Funds

did not go to any Wyoming gay rights groups, but our local

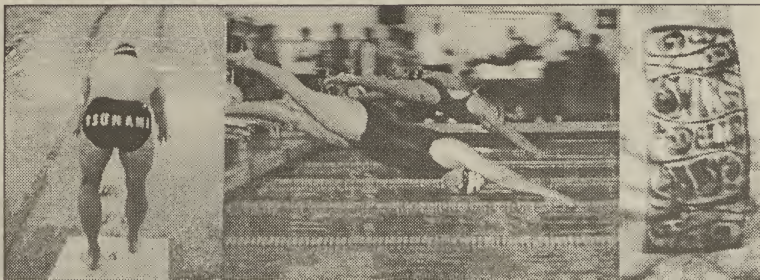
CUAV and a Fort Collins group, since there really aren't any in Wyoming, as New York activist Bill Dobbs has noted in his critique of Elton John's recent performance/benefit in that state, which pretty much might as well be parodied on *South*

Park. Wait, it already happened.)

Splashy saints

"I cut six seconds off my time!" one woman cheerfully told a few friends. Many others noted personal bests, and a relay record was broken for Masters Swimming by a Tsunami crew.

St. Ignatius College Prep's pool, while blessed by the saints, was a bit snug in the seating department. Saint Ignatius, some of you know, was thrown to the wild beasts in the Coliseum back in Roman end times. Although nobody got thrown in the pool on Saturday, the scorekeepers did have to drape their computers in towels to ward off frequent splashes.



Splash-ariffic! Relay guy three, women's free, groovy tee.

One swimmer mentioned how some schools prefer small seating at pools to avoid creating rivalries. "Gangs, doncha know," he said. I think it's just bad architecture when they deliberately dissuade kids from fitting into a sports arena. They'd never do that with a football stadium.

Even so, thanks to the St. Iggy folks for letting Tsunami host this event. Now, if we can just convince the builders of the 49ers' multi-million dollar "use only eight times a year" stadium to add an Olympic-size pool. Shouldn't cost too much, considering the whole thing'll be submerged once the big quake hits.

For times and stats, visit the Tsunami website at www.sftsunami.org. They're not posted there, but you can nag someone else about them.

Pacific Masters Swimming, the parent organization of all the swim groups around, offers a lot of ways

to get going in the aquatics world of the Bay Area, with magazine subscription and info on regional meets. To find out more about becoming a PMS-er, go to www.pacificmasters.org/index.shtml

The deep

For those craving aquatic adventures beyond lanes and flip turns, Northern California Rainbow Divers have a few exciting adventures planned, including Diving For Life in Cozumel, Mexico, an annual gathering on September 25 of gay and lesbian dive clubs from the U.S., U.K., and Australia.

You can out yourself to a sea otter this National Coming Out Day, October 11, as part of the Point Lobos Boat Dive off the Cypress Point.

If dolphin sightings and even more oceanic exploration get you going, be sure to make plans to attend NCRD's next trek to the Channel Islands, off the coast of

Santa Barbara (It seems there are life forms other than petroleum blobs). From accounts of their recent trip, the hunky Vision crew helped make it a fun trip. (To do list: air out wetsuit.)

For more info, visit their website at www.rainbowdivers.org or ring them at (415) 826-9314

A fine example

In the realm of heterosexual athletics, a basketball referee in Sandusky, Ohio has been charged with running a prostitution ring. Released after posting a bond of \$37,500, the official at junior high school basketball and football games hired a lawyer, Geoffrey Oglesby, who said his client would be exonerated. "I don't think there was ever any sex involved," he told the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*. The ref was accused of hiring out women for bachelor parties. No word on whether he officiated those events, or in what capacity. ▼

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Furrow

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bar after he left Los Angeles. Davenport said he's not sure what caused Furrow to apparently change his mind and head to Las Vegas where he turned himself in.

Davenport told the *B.A.R.* he's not surprised that someone like Furrow, who belonged to a neo-Nazi organization, would also choose to target a gay bar. "If you read articles written by hate groups they generally intermingle their hatred for several different minority groups, Jews, blacks, Asians, and gays," said Davenport.

Ruth Bukowiecki of Community United Against Violence (CUAV) who learned of Furrow's threat from the *B.A.R.* said it followed a familiar pattern. "Jews are usually first on their list," said Bukowiecki. "Blacks are usually second and gays are usually somewhere down on their list."

San Francisco police said they don't know whether Furrow had a particular bar or neighborhood in mind for his attack. Davenport said he wanted to give Los Angeles investigators time to sort out their case before he pressed them for more details.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department refused to comment on the threat.

Bukowiecki said CUAV has noticed that crimes against gays have become both more violent and more blatant and some have been tied to hate groups. She cited the recent case near Redding in which two brothers were charged with murdering a gay couple. The brothers, Benjamin and James Williams, allegedly had ties to white supremacist organizations and are suspects in the June 18 firebombings of three Sacramento synagogues.

Bukowiecki said it is unusual for attacks to be carried out on large groups of gay people, as had apparently been planned by Furrow. One recent and notable exception was the April 30 bombing of a gay pub in London that killed three people and injured more than 70 others. A 22-year-old engineer was later arrested for the attack and was charged with two other hate bombings.

All five people Furrow allegedly shot in the August 10 attack at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills survived. Furrow is also being charged with the subsequent shooting death of a Filipino American postal worker. Furrow said he targeted the letter carrier because he wanted to kill a non-white person who was also a government employee, according to an affidavit filed by a government agent in federal court. ▼

Scout roundup

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ing for All, has written to President Clinton, the honorary president of the Boys Scouts of America. He asked for the president's support in his efforts to get the Scouts to end their discrimination against gay youth and adults.

"I am a 4-H member and they don't discriminate. Girls Scouts and

the Boys and Girls Clubs don't discriminate," Cozza wrote. "Scouting in most all other countries around the world don't discriminate."

Cozza reminded the president of his state of the union address where he said, "For an American to discriminate against another American is un-American." Clinton has made similar anti-discrimination statements in support of expanding hate crimes legislation. The White House has

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Bay Area Reporter
395 Ninth Street
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ACT UP/Golden Gate

Self-empowerment for AIDS treatment options. Gen'l mtgs. Tues, 7:30pm; treatment issues every other Thurs, 7:30pm. 592 Castro. 252-9200.

ACT UP/SF

Discussion groups first and third Sundays of every month from 3-5pm. Contact: 864-6686.

ADD Support Group

Informal support group for gays and lesbians with Attention Deficit Disorder. Call Chuck, 282-7983.

AIDS Project of the East Bay

HIV education & prevention programs, case management, emotional & practical support for people in Alameda Co. 651 20th St., Oakland. (510) 834-8181.

AIDS Emergency Fund

Provides financial assistance to people with disabling HIV. Office volunteers needed for day shifts. Call 558-6999.

AIDS/HIV Nightline

Volunteers needed to provide telephone emotional support, intensive training course provided. 984-1902.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel

Assists persons w/HIV on legal problems, incl. wills, powers of attorney, benefits, more. Free or reduced fee. 291-5454.

AIDS Memorial Grove

Monthly workshops: wedding, clearing, replanting at Bowling Green Dr. and Middle Drive East, Golden Gate Park. Info: 750-8340.

Alternative Family Project

"We Are Family," on-going support group for gay men. Tues. & Thurs., 7pm. Call for no-fee intake. 436-9000.

ARIS

AIDS resources, information and services of Santa Clara county, drop-in support group meetings. 408-293-ARIS.

Baker Places

Provides housing for people with AIDS who have substance abuse and/or mental health issues. For info or intake call 284-1740.

Bay Positives

Provides recreational and emotional support for people up to 26 years old living with HIV. On-going support groups meet weekly. 487-1616.

Buddhist AIDS Project

Provides info on Buddhist resources, events, and HIV alternative health services. Call 522-7473.

Cancer Support Group

Based in San Francisco and offers a caregivers support group, a grief group, and counseling for cancer patients, their friends, and families. For info call Brian at 422-2137.

Center for Special Problems

Groups for people with HIV: drop-in for women, women's therapy group, co-ed drop-in and psycho educational group. 1700 Jackson. Call for info: 292-1500.

Community United Against Violence

Provides services for LGBT victims of domestic violence and hate crimes. Also needs volunteer counselors on 24-hour crisis line. Call Nhu at 777-5500. For emergency 24-hour crisis line, call 333-HELP.

Crystal Meth Anonymous

Meetings every Wed, 8pm at The Meeting Place, 1874 Market; Sat, 9am, and Sun, 6pm at 529 Clayton. Hotline: 267-5933.

Dolores Street Comm. Services

Seeks volunteers to help homeless in shelters. Contact David Rodriguez, 282-6209.

Gay Dads

Gather to talk about your kids, lovers, ex's, etc. Joel Wechsler, MPCC. Alternative Family Project. 436-9000.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic

Testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun. 5-7pm. HIV antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun. 5-7pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair accessible. 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Gay Young Spirit

A new spiritual/social group for gay men in their 20s & 30s, meets alternate Tues, 7:15pm, in SF. Call 703-7181.

G40+ Club

A social group for gay/bi men 40 and over, meets 1st & 3rd Sundays every month, 2pm. Call 552-1997.

Haight-Ashbury Free Medical Clinic

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Health Support Services

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Hepatitis B Testing

And vaccinations for young (15-23) gay and bisexual men. Free. Berkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Sun., 5-7pm. (510) 644-0425.

Hepatitis C Helpline

Peer support for persons afflicted with hep C. Call 834-4100.

HIV Advocacy Network

Grassroots organizing project of SF AIDS Foundation: phone/fax tree action alerts, government lobbying, HIV Policy Watch newsletter. 487-3034.

HIVCare

Offers the latest clinical trials from community-based trial network, access to experimental treatments. Free to participants. Info: Sher Vieira, 353-6215.

HIV Drop-In Groups

Co-ed for people with HIV, Wed, 8pm. Women with HIV, Tues, 10am. Center for Special Problems, 1700 Jackson. 292-1543.

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New Leaf

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OUTline

Free HIV info and support using Windows or Macintosh graphic interface. Info: 554-0555 or info@out.org

Project Open Hand

Provides free prepared meals, groceries and nutrition counseling for people with symptomatic and disabling HIV disease. Call 1-800-551-6325 for intake information.

Radical Women

Business mtg, 2nd & 4th Thurs. of the month. 7pm. Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St. 864-1278.

Rafiki Services Project

Enhancing quality of life for African American people living with AIDS in SF. 346-5860.

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Offers individual and group retreats for professional caregivers in the HIV community. Info: Kay, 864-5140 or write PO Box 410592, SF 94141.

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Offers low fee counseling/psychotherapy services to sexual minorities, people with HIV/AIDS. Support/therapy groups for family/loved ones of PWAs in English, Russian, Cantonese, Vietnamese. 668-5955.

Sadhana Brothers

Gay/bi men's Hindu/Yogic fellowship, meets monthly for chanting, meditation, informal discussion. Call Ed, 647-4388.

San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Immigration

And Asylum Rights Task Force meets first Thurs. of every month, 7pm, 870 Market St., Rm. 1213. Offers support groups for gay immigrants and their lovers, friends. Shannon, 392-6257.

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Sexual Compulsive Anonymous meets Mon. at 7:15pm & Fri. at 6pm, 1874 Market. 1-800-977-HEAL.

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Provides info, referral and assistance to gay and lesbian seniors. Free and confidential services. 360 4th St. 777-3233.

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Provides practical assistance to people living with AIDS. Volunteer training provided. For info on services, call 674-4700; to volunteer, call 674-4722. New location is in the Project Open Hand building, 730 Polk Street, at Ellis.

Shanti's El Programa Latino

Provides emotional and peer counseling and practical support to Latino men, women, adolescents and children infected with and affected by HIV. For more information, call 674-4700.

Southern Alameda HIV Services

Tri-City Health Center provides comprehensive HIV services, with offices in Fremont and Hayward. (510) 713-6670 and 727-9233, respectively. Spanish and Tagalog spoken.

STD Check-ups

Free testing site given by City Clinic, 2nd Thurs. of each month, 8:30-10:30pm. Blow Buddies, 933 Harrison. 863-4323.

St. Francis Senior Center

Invites seniors to weekly gatherings, Wed. 10am-2pm. St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church. 621-2635.

Tambayan

Support/social group for queer pinays and their friends. Every Thurs., 7pm at Filipino Task Force on AIDS, 1540 Market St., Suite 325. 703-9880.

Transenders in Transition

Alternative Family Project's ongoing support group for transgendered and transsexual folk. Thurs., 7:30pm. 425 Divisadero, Suite 203b. 436-9000.

Transitions

Nonprofit consulting service: guidance, referrals and resources for the dying and their caregivers. Call David Cardenas, 664-6975.

Transcendental Meditation Center

Has scholarships for low income people with HIV. Call Paul Brown at 931-1621.

Transgender Support Group

Multiracial rap group, every first Monday of month, 6:30pm. Call Adela Holiday, Proyecto ContraSIDA Por Vida, 864-7278.

UCSF AIDS Health Project

Offers: (1) ongoing groups for persons diagnosed with KS; (2) Tues. night support group for women who are caregivers or family members of PWAs; (3) support group for HIV+ African-American heterosexual men. Info: 476-3902.

Veterans Affairs Medical Center SF

Seeks volunteers to join its AIDS/ARC Volunteer Program. Volunteers visit patients in hospital and help in simple care tasks. Volunteers for AIDS Home Care and Phone Buddy Program are also needed. Contact Ronald Hunt, AIDS Volunteer Program Coordinator, VA Medical Center, 4150 Clement St., 750-2144.

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For HIV patient services at Davies Med. Cntr. Once a month, 3-hr. shift on Mon. Call Barbara at 565-6374.

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Weight Watchers Mtg.

Men: 9am Sat, 7pm Wed; Women: 6:30pm, Tues. MCC, 510 Eureka St.

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Women's Cancer Resource Center

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Castro

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independently stated. "Only a large corporation could afford that type of rent."

Sullivan's property agent, Tom Bircu of Epstein and Associates, said that he estimates the space could go for around \$3 per square foot. "We're not sure what the exact asking price will be because it depends on what the tenants are going to do, and it depends on renovations that need to be done like earthquake retrofitting, etc. And it depends on what type of businesses are going to be looking at the property."

According to Sullivan and Bircu, the space is approximately 5,000 square feet. That means the space could fetch as much as \$15,000 per month if Bircu's estimate is correct. "We're not able to state what the price will actually be, though," Bircu added. "But Jim and I are interested in smaller businesses because that's what the neighborhood wants."

Small neighborhood, big business

Yet the Castro has seen a marked increase in the number of large businesses that presently occupy the area's real estate. Among those that have moved into the area are Starbucks, which owns Pasqua Coffee on 18th Street; Noah's Bagels; as well as Fuzio restaurant, whose motto, "Universal Pasta," is owned by the nearly universal Chevy's Restaurant, Inc. Other large corporations include Bank of America, Walgreens, Chevron, the Body Shop, Cala Foods, and Tower Records.

"It's really unfortunate that the little guys are being pushed out of the neighborhood," Fuzio restaurant manager Alice ViPietro told the B.A.R. "But unless you're a business backed by corporate

money, you don't have a chance down here. The rents are way too high for small businesses."

"It's only the beginning," said Aviccoli Mecca. "The Pottery Barn is ready to move into the old Firemen's Credit Union building at the corner of Market and Castro streets. Where does it stop?"

Bircu confirmed that he's been negotiating with Pottery Barn representatives and that it "looks like a done deal." Bircu was not willing to disclose the asking price for the Firemen's building. "We're really not able to say what the rent on that property will be," Bircu stated cautiously. "Like the Valley Pride space, there are many factors that have to be considered."

Batt added that he is opposed to Pottery Barn moving into the neighborhood. "I'm totally, adamantly against it. We'll do anything we can to keep big companies like them out of this neighborhood." Batt plans to address Castro development concerns at the MUMC meeting next month. Last week Aviccoli Mecca started a Castro Tenants Coalition that will hold its first meeting this Wednesday, August 25 at 7 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church-San Francisco in the Castro.

"We'll be focusing on rent control for those that live in the neighborhood," Aviccoli Mecca said. "Rent control is really our only weapon. If we could get [Assemblywoman] Carole Migden to champion our cause, we'd have a fighting chance." ▼

The next MUMC meeting takes place Thursday, September 2 starting at 9 a.m. at the Cal Fed building on Castro Street. The next "Save the Castro" meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka Street. The featured speaker will be Jonathan Katz.

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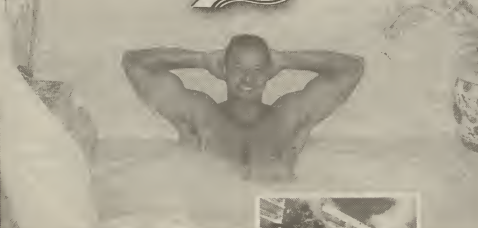


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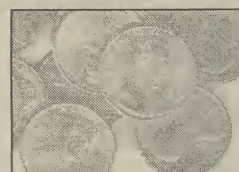
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Moon walk, moon talk

by Mark Mardon



Jane Philomen Cleland

The gay man behind 'Full Moon' at SFMOMA

To date, no one gay has walked on the moon, yet when NASA employees held a celebration in Washington, DC on July 20, 1999 to mark the 30th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's first footsteps on the moon, it was a gay man who commanded everyone's attention.

As astronauts Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin looked on, along with NASA Chairman Dan Goldin, Chief Historian Roger Launius, NASA staff and reporters from around the globe, 36-year-old San Francisco-based fine art photographer Michael Light addressed them for an hour, running through a series of slide images from his new, well-received "photo novel," *Full Moon*, a lavish photo art book published simultaneously in North America and Europe this fall by Knopf and Jonathan Cape. In the process, Light managed to do what no one since the golden age of the Apollo missions had done: show the lunar surface in a fresh light, stirring people's imaginations, reinvigorating even the astronauts' sense of wonder at the alien landscape they had

trod so long ago.

Just two days following his NASA engagement, Light was in London for the opening of his *Full Moon* exhibition at the prestigious Hayward Gallery (the show opens Friday at SFMOMA). Many notables from the UK art world attended, as did David R. Scott, commander of the highly successful 1971 Apollo 15 moon mission. Those in attendance were agog at the lunar images arrayed on the gallery walls. The *Sunday Times* gave the exhibition a glowing review.

When Light gave a walk-through of the show, Scott turned up in the crowd; taking note of the esteemed explorer's presence, Light invited him into a conversation about the images. Thus began a crowd-mesmerizing give-and-take about the moon's topography and exploration — an engaging off-the-cuff exchange about camera positioning, light-and-dark contrasts, soil color, temperature differences, textures, distances, heights, landforms and otherworldly aesthetics.

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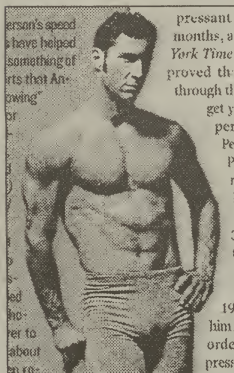
by Roberto Friedman
and Inky Shears

Former San Franciscan underground sensations now wowin' em in the Big Apple **Justin Bond** and **Kenny Mellman** hit the big time last week when the *NY Times* published a glowing cabaret review of their Kiki and Herb show at Fez, *Have Another*. Even if the headline was somewhat hot and cold ("All Washed Up but Knows the Score"), critic **Neil Strauss'** review was surprisingly rapturous. Strauss describes Bond as "a transvestite with a great sense of pop history," and in case anyone still doesn't get it, there's an awesome two-column photo of Kiki up on her heels on her cocktail stool. Suffice it to say Mr. Bond won't win any beauty pageants any time soon, but we must say she packs quite a bazoom these days, and the *Times'* camera leers right up into her ample cleavage. Is Kiki taking steroid injections?

Who knows when our little cow town will see such a brilliant drag queen again? Washed-up lounge act, hard-bitten alky or not, Kiki sure doesn't have any competition on the local scene, even factoring in her "ear-splitting nasal shout," per Strauss. Kiki and Herb, what will it take to get you back to this little burg for a long weekend of encore presentations?

Boys of summer

Ah, the lazy, hazy days of summer. We caught ourselves avidly watching **Auggie "Kid Vegas"**



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Justin Bond as Kiki, performing at Fez in New York City

Sanchez cream his opponent in the featherweight bouts on Fox Sports Net the other night and thought, "What are we reduced to?" Okay, so our gramps was a bantamweight prizefighter, and the Kid looks great in boxing shorts, but have we lost our mind?

No more so than the delirious queens who crowd Internet chat rooms with sightings of and lustings for delicious Baltimore Orioles outfielder **Brady Anderson**. *Sports Illustrated* last week made note of a charming pic of bachelor Brady which is posted on his official website (www.bradyan-derson.net), complete with "long sideburns, chiseled physique and beefcake pose."

If Anderson is gay, he isn't saying. But *SI* knocks the "Cromagnon world of men's pro sports" for enforcing the closet for all pro athletes, and notes a case in point — "the only openly gay player in big league history, **Glenn Burke**, believed his four-year career ended prematurely in 1979 because of baseball's homophobia."

Western fashion

Asked what he thought of the dressy crowd at the sold-out **Paula**

West concert at the Herbst Theatre last weekend, our friend the producer **Salty Selznick** replied, "They're very **Wilkes Bashford**," just moments before Mr. W.B. himself walked by, as if to punc-

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A hard reign's gonna fall

California Shakespeare's 'King Lear'

by Richard Dodds

A wisp of a breeze arrived just as Lear began his rant against a cold and furious storm. "Blow, winds, and crack your cheeks! Rage! Blow!" Suddenly, the audience was filled with a wave of arms gyrating their ways into woollens as the stage storm continued but the real-life puff subsided. Such is the power of

theatrical suggestion.

Would that more of California Shakespeare's outdoor production of *King Lear* had connected so viscerally with the audience. But the drama that rages through this epic only intermittently sparks to life on stage, giving way to a middling competence for most of the three-hours-plus production.

Director Denis Arndt, a veteran of the Oregon Shakespeare

Festival, offers a straightforward take on the tale of an aging monarch brought to his knees by his perfidious daughters. The most unusual things about the production are the rope riggings that suggest a set more appropriate to *H.M.S. Pinafore* than to *Lear*, which is definitely not out to sea. But Beaver Bauer's costumes do manage to provide elements of character-defining novelty without stripping the cloak of tradition that defines this production.

Richard Rizzo, another Oregon veteran, arrives with impressive credentials and a boom-box voice. Though his diction grows muddy when he's at full throttle, Rizzo can rant and rave with the best of them. Unfortunately, when Lear is in his madness mode, the hefty Rizzo in a caftan, his hair at shoulder length and wearing a garland of flowers, looks a bit too much like John Goodman in drag as a flower child in a *Saturday Night Live* sketch.

Among the performers who contribute to the production's occasional sparks are Peter Macon, convincingly fierce as the cruel Cornwall; Maria Pizzo, stylishly craven as Lear's daughter Goneril; and Philip Davidson, warmly humane as Lear loyalist Gloucester.

Less successful are Stephen Klum, who improbably looks more like Kent when he's making believe he's someone else; Sarah Overman, who mugs unappealingly as Lear's "good" daughter Cordelia; and

Richard Rizzo as King Lear and Sarah Overman as Cordelia in *King Lear*

Purple pros

'Hot Pants Homo' at Josie's

by Richard Dodds

Before the days of unexpurgated porn, sources of titillation often masqueraded as instructional material. In the late '60s, I remember skulking into an adult bookstore in Pasadena and buying a magazine with a title something like *Masturbation Techniques of the Adult Male*.

It was basically a bunch of cheesy pictures of guys stroking themselves, but the captions were clinical and even scolding. "Some men resort to bizarre means to stimulate themselves," read a caption under a photo of guy with his dick in an empty toilet paper roll with a string tied around it that he could yank on. That was kinky stuff to callow eyes.

Those furtive times, and especially that photo, made a return mental visit as I watched *Hot Pants Homo* at Josie's Cabaret. Director-writer E. Allen Sawyer's script makes satirical reference to the gay pulp fiction of the '60s that couched its erotica in overheated exposés of the homosexual world. In Sawyer's take on the genre, both dialogue and the purple narration are voiced to comic effect.

Hot Pants Homo tell the tale of Wayne, a young artist who tries, but just can't find satisfaction with the women who pursue him. "Broads, crazy broads with ants in their pants," he thinks out loud. He knows where his true urges lay, and finding his way into a gay piano bar, he begins a series of lurid sexual encounters.

"Freed of its confines," Wayne narrates as his fly is opened, "the paradise express left the station." While the spoken sexual imagery may be rooted in mocking euphemisms, their pantomimed visual representations on stage can be heatedly and hilariously graphic.

Hot Pants Homo, first staged in 1996, was the initial enterprise of the like-named players. Most recently, and with most of the same cast as the current outing, *Senator Swish* used the same techniques to tell the tale of a closeted politician, a piece that seemed to produce more consistent laughs than this revival, which finds the cast occasionally stumbling over lines.

But there are certainly plenty of laugh-out-loud opportunities, many provided by the incomparable Trauma Flintstone in a variety of guises. The performer knows

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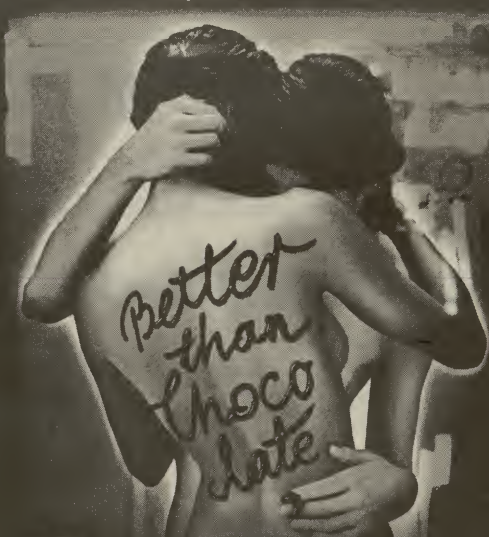
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Soundtrack attack

You either went or you rent; here's the movie music

by Gregg Shapiro

If you haven't already seen the movies *The Matrix*, *EDtv*, *Hideous Kinky*, *Trippin'*, *Clubland*, *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*, and/or *Searching For Jimi Hendrix* in a movie theater, then by the time you read this, you will probably be able to rent them at your local video store. But the soundtracks for these movies often have a shelf-life much greater than the flick from which they are derived.

The Matrix (Maverick), for example, makes good use of the recent blurring of the lines between electronic and electric music. The soundtrack features contributions by Marilyn Manson, Propellerheads, Prodigy, Rob Zombie, HIVE, Deftones and Rammstein.

EDtv (Reprise) features a curious cross-section of contributors, including Bon Jovi (performing a song co-written by openly gay songwriter Desmond Child), Barry White (covering Sly and The Family Stone), Meredith Brooks, Joe Tex, and The Inmates (doing "Dirty Water"). As an added note, *EDtv* was the first of 1999 which co-starred Ellen DeGeneres.

If the prospect of "oldies" is an enticement, check out *Hideous Kinky* (Will). More than half of the songs are from the late '60s and early '70s. Personally, I was pleased to find a Nick Drake song ("Road") on this soundtrack.

Directed by legendary documentarian D.A. Pennebaker (*Don't Look Back*), *Searching For Jimi Hendrix* (The Right Stuff) is "a journey into the creative souls of musicians to discover the depth and breadth of that vision in today's music." The resulting movie and soundtrack feature a multitude of artists (such as Laurie Anderson, Los Lobos, Chuck



Nick Moran, Dexter Fletcher, Jason Statham, and Jason Flemyng in *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels*

D., Rosanne Cash, Taylor Dayne and Cassandra Wilson) covering songs such as "Stone Free," "The Wind Cries Mary," "Little Wing," and "Are You Experienced?"

Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (Maverick) earns points simply for having the most bizarre assortment of music. It was cool to find Junior Murvin ("Police and Thieves"), Dusty Springfield ("Spooky"), The Stooges ("I Wanna Be Your Dog"), James Brown ("The Payback") and Pete Dinklage ("18 With A Bullet") on the same soundtrack. However, having seen the movie, I could have done without the snippets of dialogue.

Trippin' (MJJ Music/Work/Sony Music Soundtrax) and *Clubland* (Capitol/Java) do their part to mix relatively familiar names (Star 69 and Zebrahead on "Clubland" and 3T and Brownstone on

"Trippin'") with up-and-comers. The movies also attempt the same things with their casts (Donald Faison is the familiar name in "Trippin'", while Lori Petty is the one in "Clubland").

Almost as much of an event as the new *Star Wars* movie (or is that just the promotions people doing their job?), *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* (Maverick) comes with an equally hyped soundtrack. Does it live up to it? How could it not, with new songs by Madonna ("Beautiful Stranger") and Green Day (the instrumental "Espionage"), and covers of classic tunes such as "Draggin' The Line" (R.E.M.) and "I'll Never Fall In Love Again" (Elvis Costello and Burt Bacharach)? It almost fails be-

cause of a couple of embarrassing contributions, most notably from Melanie G/Scary Spice (Cameo's "Word Up").

The All Time Greatest Movie Songs (Sony Music Soundtrax/Epic/Columbia) — "greatest" in someone's opinion — compiles 17 tracks from as many movies. When you make a statement such as that title does, you'd better be damn certain of your choices. Perhaps what they meant to say was *The All Time Greatest Movie Songs by Sony Music Artists*. In its defense, the album does have "Streets Of Philadelphia" by Bruce Springsteen, "The Sweetest Thing" by Refugee Camp All-Stars featuring Lauryn Hill, and the Love To Infinity remix of "I Say A Little Prayer" by Diana King. ▼

Hot Pants Homo

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how to lure an overblown lasciviousness from any situation, especially true in his scene as a va-va-voom prostitute.

As he did in *Senator Swish*, Jason Scott Buro ably plays the character around whose sexual confusion the action revolves. Deena Davenport and Otis Morgan also add to the pulpy revelry. Hot Pants newcomer Flynn DeMarco, so on target last season as

a *Bad Seed* brat in *The Lady in Question*, hasn't found the right tone here, and his big scene as a doctor is curiously light in laughs.

But most of *Hot Pants Homo*'s 60 minutes on stage is a ribald reminder of that time when the love that dare not speak its name had finally found its voice, if not its balls. ▼

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FILM



Alaska Palladino and Adrian Grenier star in Tod Williams' debut film *The Adventures of Sebastian Cole*

Troubled youth

'The Adventures of Sebastian Cole'

by Brandon Judell

Being a teenager nowadays or back in 1983 in Dutchess County, New York, does not fall into the "easy" category. When the hormones hit you and you start developing a sexual nature but still have to do your trigonometry homework, it's hell. Just ask Sebastian Cole.

But poor Master Cole (Adrian Grenier) has other problems as well as confronting a rampaging libido. His parents are divorced, and his mother Joan (Margaret Colin) has remarried a lovely man, Hank (Clark Gregg), who has decided to have a sex change. Talk about identity problems.

Not surprisingly, the family is not exactly blissful over this odd course of events. In fact, Joan is furious and immediately takes Sebastian back to her native land, England. The lad, however, doesn't take to the Brit surroundings and returns to the States to live with Hank, who is now Henrietta.

Now, if you can believe any self-respecting transsexual would slice off his penis only to take the name Henrietta, you'll absolutely have no problem with this film.

Thankfully, Henrietta is not the focus here. Sebastian, 17, has

the honor, and with the stunning Mr. Grenier embodying the character, it's easy to overlook many of this picture's missteps. Tall, lanky, long-haired and blessed with a lovely face, this young star will no doubt gain instant popularity among those whose walls and dreams are papered with Menudo and NSYNC posters.

Yes, for those of you into troubled youth, you can watch Sebastian ride his motorcycle through his school's hallways ... observe him fall in love with a local girl, get severely drunk, plus try to come to the aid of a teenage prostitute ... and ogle him as he lies on his roof in his white underpants in a rainstorm. This last one will be an especially popular scene for remote control fanatics when this venture comes out on video.

As Sebastian gets more and more rebellious, though not as crazed as some of his redneck school pals, Henry/Henrietta tries harder to be a disciplinarian and good mom, and the film starts feeling a little forced. Instead of *Rebel Without a Cause*, we get *Mannered Teenie With Lots of Pause*.

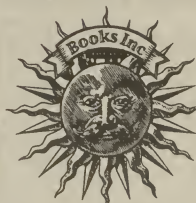
But once again, Grenier's undeniable charm and allure will help you overlook the clichés and the uneven script and acting. Plus,

in how many films do you get a transsexual stepmom with a heart of gold? That's truly worth the price of admission. ▼

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Body worship

How the media put men on display

by Dan Blue

The Male Body: A New Look at Men in Public and in Private by Susan Bordo; Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$25

After 2,000 years of men writing about women, it's time that a woman gave a view from the other side. In *The Male*

Body: A New Look at Men in Public and in Private, academician Susan Bordo not only looks at men but divulges that others are looking, too.

Over the past 30 years, she explains, the movies and fashion ads have put men on the catwalk. Now everybody is giving men the once-over, and a gulf has opened between the way men are supposed to look and the way they actually do. Men's anxiety levels

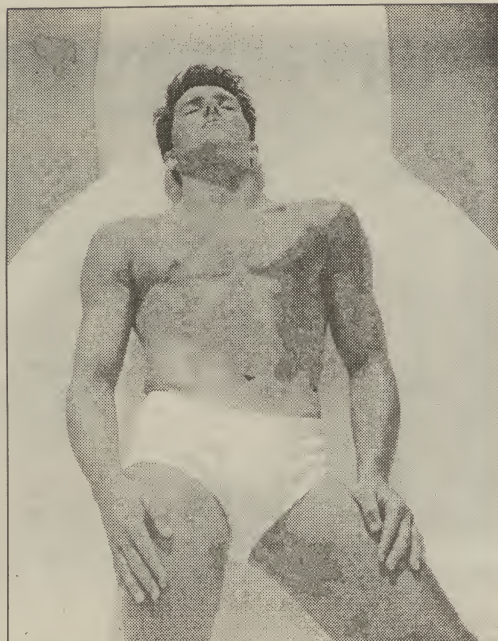
have proportionately skyrocketed as they try to make their bodies live up to those in the ads.

Who better than a woman to understand and offer amused, if wry, sympathy? Particularly when Bordo is so generous with her own responses. She tells us what kind of underwear ads she thrills to and what kind of man turns her on. How many other academicians would confide, "The first time I slept with a man whose body was solid, it was like discovering some deeply repressed but incontrovertible body need?"

The result is like cozying up with a woman friend for rowdy interchanges over coffee. Since she's concerned with the media as much as men, she happily announces, "Almost everything I've imagined about men ... has come from the movies." She explains how her sexual awakening began in the '50s when she was still a child and films could imprint visions of masculinity which lingered for decades.

Looking back, Bordo recognizes that movies in the '50s were generous in their exposure of the male chest. (William's Holden's torso was virtually a lead character in *Picnic*.) It was torture scenes, however, that really allowed films to cut loose erotically. As a child, Bordo was enraptured when John Derek was lashed to four pillars in *The Ten Commandments*, and she remembers many a male body tied spread-eagled and whipped in scenes resonant of leather and sweat. "Thanks to fifties biblical epics," she reflects, "my ideas about sex were tinged with S/M from the start."

To her disappointment, '60s movies became squeamish about displaying male flesh. *The Graduate*, *Easy Rider* and *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* might be sexually daring, but they were told from a male perspective, and this generally made beefcake taboo. Only after feminist demands wore down the system and Burt Reynolds bared his midriff in *Playgirl* did movies respond. In 1977 (*Saturday Night Fever*), John Travolta was shown in form-fitting briefs, and a few years later Tom Berenger crossed the line when he faced a camera nude in *At Play in the Fields of the Lord*. "The representational frontiers of the male body," Bordo observes, "now



Tom Hintinauss modeling briefs in a breakthrough ad for Calvin Klein

included a southern hemisphere."

Basket and butt

Film frontal nudity, however, was always a little tentative — male stars didn't so much display themselves as flash — and it was fashion ads which took the baton and ran. Calvin Klein saw the future in the gay styles of disco bars, and exploited our discoveries by marketing them to the straight world at large. First, he designed jeans which stressed basket and butt, and in 1983 he mounted in Times Square a 40-by-50-foot photo of Olympian Tom Hintinauss sunbathing in his briefs. When the new underwear went flying off the shelves, advertising executives discovered a new world to explore, the curves and protuberances of the male down under.

All this visual largesse pleased many women — Bordo seems to adore it — but has taken a toll on men. As the heroes of *The Full Monty* discovered, it's not easy being a sex object, and feminist Bordo reacts with alternate amusement and sympathy as she watches men fall into the traps which have dogged women for decades.

"Every female stereotype usually has a male stereotype in tow," she announces, and might have added that every female dysfunction now

has a male counterpart. Young girls notoriously think themselves fatter than the mirror shows. Less well-known are surveys cited by Bordo which reveal that "college men, no matter what their actual dimensions, tend to underestimate their penis size." Further, "90 percent of male undergraduates believe that they are not muscular enough." The result? Eating disorders for men, a rush to penile enhancement surgery, furious male activity at the gym, and many a nip and tuck under the blade.

"I never dreamed," Bordo sighs, "that 'equality' would move in the direction of men worrying more about their looks than women worrying less."

Bordo spends 100 pages on that bulls-eye of the male body, the penis. She moves from the excited first glimpses of school girls — "It shoots straight up from a bunch of hair!" — to the collective gasp of audiences when Jaye Davidson bared all in *The Crying Game*. Their surprise made clear that the penis operates as "the absolute insignia of maleness" and inspires knee-jerk interest from men and women alike.

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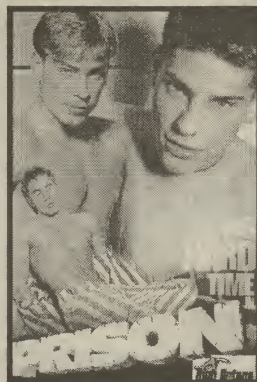
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Daphne Gottlieb

by Deborah Peifer

I met Daphne Gottlieb one night when she and I comprised the entire audience for a performance, and, in the way of two souls adrift in a painfully empty auditorium, we got to talking. She found out that I was a critic, and asked if I'd mind reading her self-published collection of poetry, and giving her my opinion. I agreed, expecting, if not the worst, at least the not so hot. I was stunned by her work, and realized that Daphne was not merely a writer of poems, but a poet. A few e-mails later, she was connected with Margaret Gillon of Odd Girls Press. The rest, as they say, is history, as well as poetry of

the highest order.

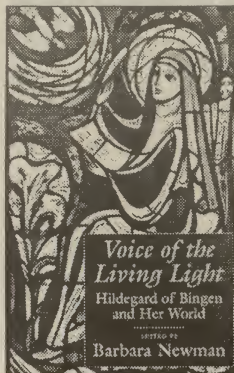
Daphne calls herself a novelist for people with short attention spans, and it's absolutely true that her poems have the complexity and depth of character that you expect from a good novel. I especially enjoy her ability to use everyday situations to create extraordinary verse. "Lost my job and there's cat hair on everything" is the poem you must read in the bookstore, because then you'll want to own the collection. Daphne reads from *Pelt* (\$9) at A Different Light on August 29 at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss a chance to hear a dynamic author create magic with words.

well as a bibliography and loads of Renaissance resources.

In a more serious, but no less readable vein, Barbara Newman and a gaggle of contributors explore the world of the medieval poet, playwright, scholar, and mystic Hildegard of Bingen in *Voice of the Living Light: Hildegard of Bingen and Her World* (University of California Press). The essays in this collection are scholarly, yes, but not overwhelmed with the jargon that makes so many university press books suitable for everything except reading.



Book Report



In her introductory essay, "Sibyl of the Rhine," Newman establishes a context in which to understand the phenomenon who was Hildegard. She notes that so extraordinary was this woman, "a skeptical historian in the nineteenth century tried to explain her away by casting doubt on the authenticity of her books, imagining a male ghostwriter behind her mask." *Voice of the Living Light* brings an astonishing woman to life with clarity and depth.

The bookstore wars

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Briefly

When we last left dyke detective Helen Black in *Fallen from Grace*, she was bleeding profusely thanks to the evil machinations and heavy caliber weapons of a villain who gave capitalism a bad name (like that particularism needed any help). *Snake Eyes*, Pat Welch's latest Helen Black mystery (Naia, \$11.95), takes up the tale of a seriously traumatized Helen, who has closed her detective agency and become a security guard out of a continuing fear for her life — amazing what being shot at and hit will do to a woman's self-confidence.

An opportunity for a vacation from hell (Thanksgiving with her relatives at a Nevada casino with all meals included in a restaurant where even the water is deep-fried) seems just the way to jumpstart her failing relationship, or push it over the edge. A murder in the hotel gets Helen's detecting juices flowing, even as she, and her lover, are terrified of the danger involved. Welch's mystery is first-rate, her depiction of the folks who inhabit this decidedly outré resort wickedly entertaining. ▼

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The Male Body

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issue, Does Size Matter?, and Bordo argues that today it does. Not because it makes any difference in achieving pregnancy or even because it increases sexual pleasure, though she waffles on this issue. Equipment matters because the ads have made it matter. Regardless of its biological or pleasurable uses, a large penis has become a status symbol, a consumer article, and coveted object of entitlement. Culture as much as biology determines what we find sexy.

A keen intellectual, Bordo delves into theories which distinguish the penis, a male appendage, from the phallus, a social construction which links male dominance with spiritual power. "The phallus ... is an idea, not a body part," she declares, and brings this insight down to earth in a study of the movie *G.I. Jane*. Audiences might laugh when Demi Moore in that movie screams, "Suck my dick!" Bordo, however, observing Demi's swagger and willingness to kick ass, responds, "That woman thinks she has a phallus, and who would deny it?" On the contrary, the phallus is not something given, even to men, but has to be earned. Males swagger and offer to kick ass for the same reasons as Demi, and Bordo leaves her female readership with this sage reminder: "The next time you hear a young guy meanly spurting, 'Suck my dick!' remember that he — not only Demi — is pretending."

It is impossible to do more

than indicate the subtlety, range, and acuity of this book. Bordo analyzes dozens of movies, with particularly juicy insights on *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *My Best Friend's Wedding* and the two *Lolitas*. She throws in some *Ally MacBeal*, devotes a searching chapter to the difference between sexual harassment and mere crude office play, and explores such topics as whether masculinity is hard-wired, ways lesbians can serve as sexual role models, the healing power of pornography (as well as its capacity to fetishize), the very different ways Blacks and other ethnic groups approach clothing, and the hidden messages of ad campaigns.

Yet her ultimate theme is male angst and what we might call the Full Monty Syndrome. Bordo suggests that today's savvy males live in the shadow of porn stars. Not only are they expected to have a lean body and limber member, but they should always be ready to perform. For the contemporary male, the whole world can seem like a crew of stagehands tapping their feet and waiting for word.

Bordo doesn't necessarily deplore this. She welcomes any development which puts women and men on equal footing and demonstrates how much they have in common. In contrast to the bestsellers which argue that women are from Venus, men from Mars, she stresses the similarities between women and men: "We're all earthlings, desperate for love, demolished by rejection." When she, a woman, writes a book on the male body, she intends it as a reach over the gulf, a gesture of recognition and solidarity. ▼

Seek and ye shall find

Male historians were unwilling to seek, and therefore found few women when they were writing their histories. Since the second of feminism, however, women have been busting out all over, and historians have filled libraries with tales of extraordinary women.



Vicki Leon's *Uppity Women of the Renaissance* (Conari) is a fun and fact-filled look at the women who thought that the Renaissance was not simply for those provided with a phallus. Leon's tone is light throughout, with tongue placed firmly in cheek, even as she imparts serious information about the women who decided that humanism included them. The book includes an index (thank you!) as

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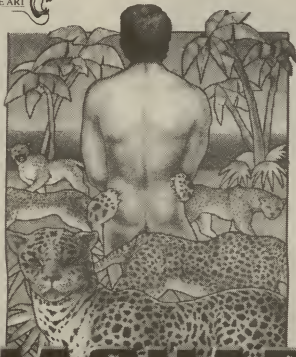
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Turkeys in the straw

by Victoria A. Brownworth

Welcome to the dog days of August and Dust Bowl '99 (which is not an extreme sports event for those of you who spend too much time watching Fox). Where we live, the ground looks like Bette Davis' make-up in *Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?* Unfortunately, the August TV lineup looks quite similar — cracked, dry and disturbingly over the top.

Let us see if we can remember our Latin declensions: *Reprise, redux, rerun.* Yes — and that is just the news — which is really all that's on TV these days.

Perhaps the drought has given folks the impression they live in the Wild West (or perhaps it was just Will Smith shaking his body-double booty), but when day care centers in Grenada Hills look like the set of *High Noon*, there's something rotten in the state of the Union. We have wondered if the media has simply invented this summer's news — it's that surreal. (Buford Furrow does sound like the name of a character on *King of the Hill*.)

Alas for us and anyone else clinging to a semblance of sanity in the heat and dust, Furrow is merely the latest madman in search of fame, if not fortune, in the klieg lights (or in his case, *blitzkrieg* lights). We were appalled (and with the events of this summer, the bar has certainly been raised on that) when the father of one of the children shot in the melee in LA actually had to explain to the TV media why his six-year-old didn't feel able to speak to the press just yet as he was being released from the hospital encased in a cast the size of Mount Rushmore. Perhaps being the target of a sociopathic racist had impacted the child's ability to proffer a neat sound bite in satellite city? Y'think?

Political activist and TV *Nation* producer Michael Moore, attempting to expose Furrow's hate group for PBS, the only station that would have cared *before* the shootings, had tried to interview Furrow at his Nazi compound well over a year ago but was refused entry. Meanwhile, after Furrow's anti-Jewish shootings and his murder of a Filipino-American postal worker, the tabloid shows — as well as *Nightline* and

the Sunday talking heads fest — were looking for answers to the question of yet another man's lunacy. That Furrow had a veritable arsenal in his van — along with an equally impressive cache of hate literature — should surprise no one. As long as it's easier for sociopaths to get guns than it is for gays to be in the Boy Scouts, we can expect this horrific rerun to play over and over into the new season. And for the media hand-wringing to continue *ad nauseam*.

Fire sale

Apres LA, the Republicans were downplaying the gun issue wherever they could as they headed for the straw poll in Ames, Iowa, where votes were being bought by the big names as fast as automatic weapons at a Midwest gun show. George Bush, Jr. — despite having no actual platform other than being able to say "fuck" more in an interview than any other Republican candidate — bought the most votes; the front-runner at 31 percent. Steve Forbes, who also threw a few million into the fray, stole second place at 21 percent. Elizabeth Dole, whose run for Prez went flaccid when hubby Bob became the poster boy for E.D., nabbed a surprise third place. The most disturbing candidates — what we refer to as the *Bundestag* vote — were next. Gary Bauer and Pat Buchanan, the jolly jingoists, pushed their platform of ethnic cleansing and sexual purity. Bauer, whose stand on queers makes Buchanan look like a fag hag, brought his good buddy Reggie White to stump the hustings for him. White and Bauer took every opportunity to pose (and we do mean pose) for the media and spew sound bites about family values, using barely veiled hate language. (Guess they aren't going for the Jewish vote. We know they aren't going for the queer vote, though that won't stop Log Cabinettes from supporting them.)

Speaking of fag hags, TV pundit Arianna Huffington may be coming out of the closet herself — as a social (is there any other kind?) Democrat. Huffington broke the story that Warren Beatty is considering a run for presi-

dent — and she appeared on a flurry of talk shows promoting the idea. Take that, Log Cabinettes.

And speaking of hypocrites, we were absolutely shocked at how little TV time has been spent on the latest Newt Gingrich (remember him?) debacle. So much for the liberal media. It seems Newt just informed his wife of

umpteens years (this would be the one he dumped his last wife for when she was dying of cancer) he was divorcing her. Who's the correspondent this time? His congressional aide, some 25 years his junior. Pardon us, but wasn't Newt the guy who pro-



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claimed Clinton's covert affair with Monica Lewinsky the issue of the last election? And the difference between an intern and an aide is? We suppose it depends on what the definition of the word is...

'Talk' talk

Speaking of vernacular, the talk on the tabloids is still about *Talk* — and the Hillary Clinton interview, the interviews about the Hillary interview, the interviews with the interviewer of Hillary, Lucinda Franks, the interviews with the publisher of *Talk* which garnered the Hillary interview, and so on. (We told you there was nothing to watch on TV in August.) Diane Sawyer did Tina Brown (well, she interviewed her) best on 20/20. Knee-jerk nationalists, we liked that Brown told Sawyer she could never return to England after experiencing the freedom of American journalism. We chose to consider what a nice job Brown did bringing *The New Yorker* into the 20th century rather than think American journalism was more sleazy than the country that spawned the Murdoch empire.

And lest we forget, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein were trotted out on all the news shows for the 25th anniversary of Richard Nixon resigning the White House. Pretty they ain't, but they certainly did turn American journalism around. Meanwhile, Diane Sawyer (yes, she is everywhere) gave the most dis-

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Full Moon

◀ Arts cover

Most remarkable in all this was the degree to which the two men saw eye to eye, despite being from different generations and vastly different backgrounds. They engaged in banter like old friends and fellow explorers. Scott clearly appreciated what Light, as an artist and outsider, not of the NASA fold, had done in revealing the first-rate landscape and exploration photography produced during the NASA missions. Light had arrayed moon shots as never before, determined to tell the story of the moon's exploration as he saw it, using the astronauts' photographs to do so — photos that NASA and the public had long since relegated to obscurity, unaware of their artistic value.

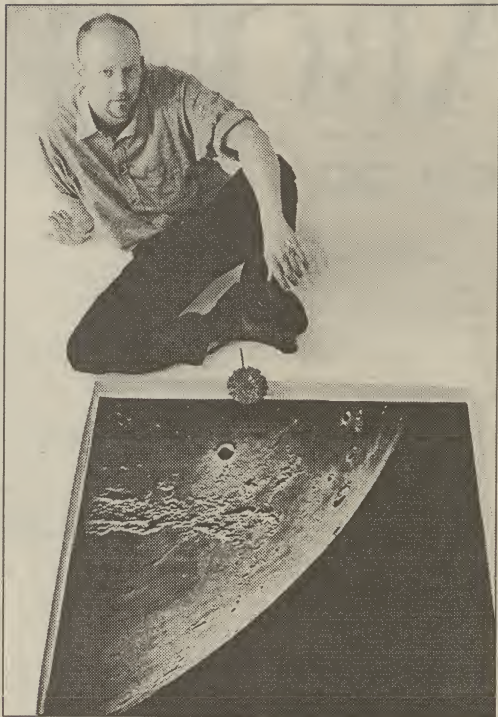
Out of the vaults

Displayed on the Hayward's gallery walls were huge, black-metal framed, richly detailed and eerily beautiful images of the lunar landscape — all digitally reproduced from master dupes Light had spent more than four years sorting through NASA's vaults. There, untouched for decades, lay some 32,000 photographic images from the Apollo missions, none of them taken by landscape photographers, yet revealing landscapes in ways Ansel Adams or, more appropriately, contemporary disturbed-landscape photographer Richard Misrach could appreciate. The *Full Moon* images depict what happens to a virgin terrain when men come along with their tools, prodding and poking, sifting and sorting, scarring with their tire tracks, littering with their abandoned machines.

The public at large had seen but a handful of such images, the select ones endlessly recycled in *Time*, *Life*, and other mainstream publications, and many of those images were of poor quality, being third, fourth, or fifth generation duplicates, if not worse. Until Light came along and negotiated with NASA to take the master dupes off-site, no one had seen them, much less replicated them with high-resolution digital scanners. And certainly no one had thought to cull from the archival photographs a book as bold and captivating as *Full Moon*.

"The NASA archive is a world treasure," declares Light, "and what I've done is reframed that world treasure into the photo-novel I wanted to build. With 32,000 pictures, you can tell any story you want. Pictures are context-dependent. So I told a tale, and I told it my way."

Full Moon, which utilizes pho-



Michael Light with a lunar landscape from *Full Moon*.

tographs from all of the Apollo missions to convey one archetypal journey to the moon's surface and back, emerged from the sensibility of a gay man enamored with but critical of frontier mythology, of wilderness landscapes sought out by explorers, primarily young men bent on proving themselves in contests against raw nature, and in so doing altering irrevocably the territories they penetrate.

"It's an arena of male bonding," says Light, "permeated with homoeroticism, guys gauging themselves against each other."

However, he hastens to add, "the politics of my work, and the largest issues at hand, are not particularly homo or hetero. What is part of my identity as a gay man is my whole esthetic sensibility. It's very hard for me to describe why I'm attracted to certain textural images, like the skins of planets."

Nonetheless, he gives it the old college try: "As an artist, I'm interested in the line between the built and the unbuilt world, the edges of civilization, the point where people begin to think about things much larger than themselves, where self-involvement and narcissism begin to fall away, where we really begin to see the sublime. Vast deserts, or outer

space, or the unknown, or the ineffable, or religion, or whatever, versus the tiny human presence, continues to fascinate me."

Landing strip

Light found a bit of that sublime mystery at Burning Man in Nevada last year, where far out on

the desert playa, away from crowded Black Rock City (the temporary encampment of some 10,000 artists and freaks), he installed his *Full Moon* images for the first time publicly, arraying them end to end, face-up on the seemingly lunar landscape of dried, crusty mud, bordered in the night by tiny white lights pointing off into infinity, looking for all the world like an alien landing strip. People drawn to the lights encountered a bizarre but powerful array of moon pictures, just discernible through a thin coating of playa dust. Overhead, someone had installed an eerily-lit alien spacecraft suspended from giant, nearly invisible helium balloons. When the full moon itself appeared from over a ridge, the total effect of Light's installation was stunning, causing people to sit for long periods beside the row of photographs, meditating on their metaphysical meanings, or perhaps flying to the moon in their minds.

"My overarching desire in *Full Moon* was to go there as a landscape photographer," says Light, who since graduating in the late-'80s from Amherst and then obtaining his MFA from the San Francisco Art Institute has focused primarily on unusual landscape images (his earlier photo-novel *Ranch*, published by TwelveTrees Press, depicted a working ranch in Santa Barbara). "The best way I could do that, since Apollo's not running any more and I'm not an astronaut, was via the photographs. So when I edited, I edited for a sense of immediacy. I wanted to be there, right down in the dirt. I'm trying to get as close as I can get, putting a viewer right there, straight near the crotch in that classic image of

Dave Scott, tool-making, exploring man, with that looming rock-collection tong."

When asked to hypothesize on whom, if he were able to go to the moon, he would choose to accompany him, Light pauses only briefly before replying, in his most Hemingwayesque tone, "I would want somebody who was really, really rock solid. I would want an engineer, test pilot, unflappable all-American hero so that while I lose my mind and am overwhelmed by the intensity of it all, somebody is there attending to whatever needs attending."

And does he know anyone fitting this description?

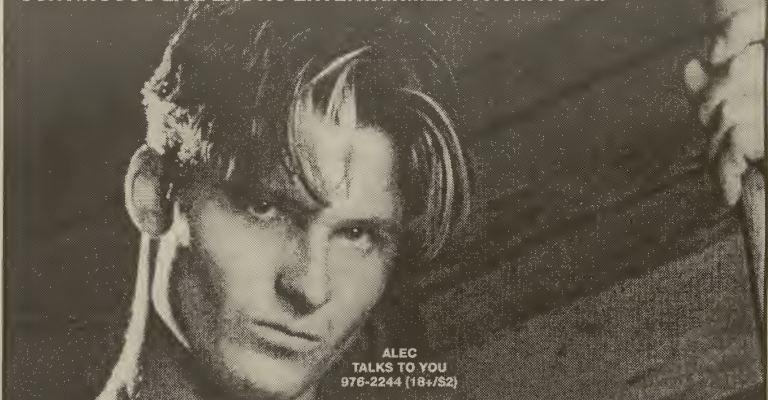
"I wouldn't mind going there with Dave Scott. That would be a dream come true, because Apollo 15 has the largest bunch of photographs in my book, and it was the first of the big independent scientific missions, and it remains the mission to my eyes that had the most spectacular and insanely beautiful landscapes."

Moreover, he adds with a wink: "And Dave, you've got to hand it to the guy. He's the nicest guy, for one thing, and he's probably, what, 70 by now? He's a really handsome 70-year-old." ▼

Full Moon: Apollo Mission Photographs of the Lunar Landscape opens Friday, Aug. 20 at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Light and SFMOMA photography curator Sandra S. Phillips will talk about the exhibition on Friday, Aug. 27. For information, phone SFMOMA at 357-4102. For online information about *Full Moon*, surf www.projectfullmoon.com.

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AfroSolo Arts Festival VI presents Lady Mem'fis in concert at Yerba Buena Center. See Saturday.

Fri 20

Josie's

"Duboce Triangle" continues in summer re-runs. Tonight: "Can I See Your Briefs?" by playwright Dean Backus. \$10. 8pm. Also on 8/21. Followed by "Saturday Night Gay Comedy" featuring Suzy Berger, Karen Ripley and Scott Silverman. \$10. 10pm. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 16th St. at Market. 861-7933.

Theatre Rhinoceros

Opening: Eriny's Productions presents "In Trousers," a musical by William Finn. This whirlwind of music and comedy follows Marvin from his adolescent fantasies to his present marital nightmares, and finally sends him marching right out of the closet. 8:30pm. Thru 9/4. 2926 16th St. 861-5079.

Theater Artaud

AfroSolo Arts Festival presents Peter Fitzsimmons' multimedia theater work portraying the life and work of Bay Area artist Sargent Johnson; physical comedian and body musician Derique, performer Nena St. Louis in the story of a girl growing up with a malevolent voice in her head; and Ghana drummer Pope Flyne. \$12.50/\$16.50. 8pm. 450 Florida St. 771-2376. Info: www.afrosolo.org.

New Conservatory Theatre Center

Celebrating Women Festival continues with My Sister, My Sister, a multimedia presentation by Meredith Stout and Zelma Brown. \$12. 8pm (2pm Sun.). Thru 8/22. 25 Van Ness Ave. Tix: 861-8972.

Victoria Theatre

Screening: "Rice & Potatoes," a documentary on the issues and stereotypes surrounding Cau/Asian interracial relationships. Filmed in SF by Todd Wilson and John Biasatti. Showing with "The Queen's Cantonese" and "A Seeker." \$7. Showtimes: 2:43; 7; & 9:30pm. 2961 16th St. (at Mission). 861-6326.

Mission Presbyterian Church

Annual Summer Performance by the Community Music Center Orchestra. Featuring Beethoven's Symphony #4 and the Rodrigo Guitar Concerto, Concierto de Aranjuez, with soloist Lawrence Ferrara. \$10 (\$5 students). 8pm. Corner of Capp & 23rd streets. Info: 647-6015.

Theatre of Yugen

"A Brief History of Magic," new solo comedy by Janet Thornburg. She investigates signs, omens, and a mysterious inner voice. \$8. 8pm. Also on 8/21, 27 & 28. 2840 Mariposa St. (in

the Project Artaud complex). Tix/info: 621-7978.

The Lab

Opening reception: "Similar/Same," an exhibition of new work by Rebecca Bollinger. The installation uses thousands of pre-existing public-domain photographs in a variety of ways to examine the impact of technology on representation and communication. Free. 6-9pm. Exhibit continues thru 9/18 (Wed.-Fri. 12-5pm). 2948 16th St. (at Capp). 864-8855.

Sat 21

Metropolitan Community Church

Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits presents "Native American Attitudes toward Sexuality and Gender Roles," an all-day workshop featuring presenters Will Rosco and Dr. Terry Tafoya. Rosco is a noted scholar on Two-Spirit people; Tafoya is a highly acclaimed American Indian psychologist, a warm and entertaining speaker who mixes academic information with traditional storytelling and songs. \$25 (\$10 limited income; NOTAFLOF). 10am-6pm. Open to all. Info: 282-4176.

Jon Sims Center

Artists Alliance Against AIDS' Emerging Playwrights Series presents a staged reading of "And We Are All Together" by Roby Newman, featuring Tim Blake and Brian Vouglas. \$5-\$10 suggested donation. 7:30pm. Also on 8/22. 1519 Mission St. 554-0402.

The California Club

"SwingOUT!" queer swing dancing to '40s big-band music. Beginning swing lessons 7-8:30pm (no partner necessary). Then dancing till midnight. \$5-\$10 sliding (NOTAFLOF). 1750 Clay St. (btwn. Polk & Van Ness). Info: 339-8103.

Yerba Buena Center

AfroSolo Arts Festival presents "Element of Soul II: Blues, Jazz, Gospel and Spirituals," featuring Emmitt Powell and the Gospel Elites, Lady Mem'fis and her Quartet, and the Marcus Shelby Trio. \$14.50/\$18.50. 7pm reception; 8pm performance 701 Mission St. 771-2376. Info: www.afrosolo.org.

Yerba Buena Center

"Pistahan '99," the 6th annual Filipino American arts exposition. A two-day outdoor fair with arts and crafts, singers, dancers, and bands. On Sunday, the Pearl of the Orient Parade begins at noon at the Embarcadero and proceeds West along Mar-

ket Street. Free. Fair begins 11am both days. Info: 486-9711.

Herbst Theater

Concert: Masters of the Classical Music of North India, featuring maestro Ali Akbar Khan and Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri. \$40 reserved; \$25 general. 8pm. 401 Van Ness Ave. Tix: 392-4400. Info: 454-6264.

174 King St.

Futura, the Latino dance club, presents live mixing by WILD 94.9 DJ Geoff St. John, celebrating the release of his newest CD, "Work This." Powerful old-style house music to rock the queer masses. Plus DJ Eduardo of LA's House of Blues and Mirage. Go go dancers. Balcony appetizers. CD giveaway. Hosted by Arianna. \$12. 10pm-3am. 21 + w/iD. Info: 665-6715.

Paradise Lounge

"Riot Act '99," an eclectic night of music to benefit Art for Recovery's Breast Cancer Quilts Project and SAGE. Featuring Butcher Holler (members of Stone Fox), The Magnum Brutes with Miss Connie Champagne, See Jane Run, Waycross, Glitter Mini 9, Kuntry Kunts, Eighty Mile Beach, Fabulous Disaster, Peachfish (formerly Moxie), Mighty 690, and the Lisa Dewey Band. \$10. 9pm. 1501 Folsom St. Info: 861-6906.

Sun 22

SF Hiking Club

Join other outdoor lovers for a Marin Headlands hike, encompassing Redwood Beach, Golden Gate Bridge, Fort Baker, and Sausalito along the Coastal and Bay trails. It's a moderate 10-mile hike with a 2,000-ft. elevation gain. Meet 9:15am at Van Ness Ave. & Sutter St. MUNI & Ferry costs: \$8. Club info: 487-6410 or www.sfhiking.com.

Brava Youth Arts Fest

Brava! for Women in the Arts presents a celebration of over 60 youth artists outdoors on 24th Street between York & Hampshire. Featuring "Mariposa: The Journey Home," a new play by 28 youth in Brava's summer program, Teatro Armonia. Plus Loco Bloca, a dance, music and percussion ensemble, "Youth Speaks," a spoken word/poetry group; and warrior artists Omulu Capoeira. Plus much more. Free. 1-5pm. Info: 641-7657.

CoCo Club

"Soulful Sunday," an evening of cabaret to benefit Liquid Fire, a performance project featuring lesbian and bisexual women of color as they reclaim and celebrate their erotic power. Featuring comedian of Aundre The Wonderwoman, performer Dojah, poet/singer Cedric Brown, and musician Kofy Brown. With cool grooves by DJ Anita Lofton. \$8-\$15 sliding. 8pm. 139 8th St. (at Minna). Reservations: (510) 632-5901.

Theater Artaud

AfroSolo Arts Festival presents Cultural Odyssey's Performance Showcase, hosted by Idris Ackamoor. Featuring spoken-word artist Kamau Aboyomi; performance artist Dee Dee Russell (AKA Art Girl); tap dancer Edward Jackson; and "human statue" Steve Randle (AKA Overload). \$12.50/\$16.50. 3pm. 450 Florida St. 771-2376. Info: www.afrosolo.org.

Old First Church

"Mostly Russian II," featuring virtuoso Russian pianist Dmitry Rachmanov playing selections from Mozart, Chopin, Scriabin, Medtner, and Rachmaninov. \$9 (\$7 students/seniors). 5pm. 1751 Sacramento St. Reservations: 474-1608.

A Different Light

"Mecca," the monthly open mic. Featured readers: Dan Taulapapa McMullin and Phillip Huang. Sign up at 12:30pm for a five-minute time slot in the open mic portion. Co-hosted by Tommi Avicoli Mecca and John Tunui. Free. 1pm. 489 Castro St. 431-0891.

A Different Light

Virginia Casper, author of Gay Parents, Straight Schools, reads for the kids from the children's book Anna Day and the O Ring, followed by a discussion of her own book. Co-sponsored by COLAGE. Free. 3:30pm. 489 Castro St. 431-0891.

Calendare by Mark Mardon



Yogi Stuart Siegel warms up for class on the beach.

Queer yoga?

I crawled onto the yoga bandwagon two or three years ago when a friend started learning to be an instructor and needed student guinea pigs. That friend, **Stuart Siegel**, eventually became a very fine certified instructor with many fans — er, students — in his private practice and in his part-time teaching at Castro Yoga. I myself became more or less serious about the classes, regarding Siegel as my one and only yogi.

As Siegel got deeper into his teaching, the classes became more disciplined, the poses more difficult, and the results more satisfactory. We practice the form of yoga known as ashtanga, and though I'm not sure what distinguishes it from other forms, I believe it translates roughly as "self torture."

So like all converts, I now push yoga religiously, prostelytizing to the unconverted because I think the world would be a fantastically better place if everyone did sun salutations together — you know, inhale to upward dog, exhale to downward dog, strain every muscle in your body until you're ready to sit down at the table with your enemies and negotiate world peace.

Now Siegel is helping to organize two ambitious yoga retreats, one here in San Francisco and another in Joshua Tree National Park. He also speaks highly of a retreat planned for the Big Island of Hawaii. Whether you're new to yoga or a full-time yogi, Siegel insists, you'll find these events exceptional:

- "Queer Autumn Bliss" is a four-day gathering here in SF (Oct. 1-4, 1999), with most activities limited to a couple dozen people but two events open to all, including a yoga class outdoors on Baker Beach and another in Golden Gate Park. Those classes cost \$20 each, or you can sign up for the full event for \$150-\$300 on a sliding scale. Part of the proceeds will benefit the SF Community Center Project. For details, surf www.sfo.com/~wild/yoga.html.

- The three-day retreat in Joshua Tree, conducted by Darren Main of Castro Yoga along with Jasper Trout, takes place Sept. 17-19, 1999. The cost, including meals, is \$300.

- The Hawaii yoga retreat, led by Castro Yoga instructors Dave Nelson and Marisa Toriggino, takes place Oct. 23-30 at the Kalani Hanua retreat center on the Big Island. It costs \$700 (\$750 after Sept. 1).

For further information about these events, contact Castro Yoga at 552-YOGI or email info@castroyoga.com.



Janet Thornburg presents *A Brief History of Magic* at Theatre of Yugen. See Friday.

Janet Thornburg



Miss Connie Champagne pops people's corks during "Riot Act '99" at the Paradise Lounge. See Saturday.

Venue 9

Footloose presents "On the Verge of a Latin Meltdown," featuring Orchesta La Moderna Tradición and comedian Bill Santiago. A Cuban-Puerto Rican merger of music and comedy. Thrill to the grooves of Cuba's classic dance music, the danzón. \$8-\$12 sliding. 8pm. 252 Ninth St. (at Folsom). 289-2000.

Red Devil Lounge

"Flavaso!," house music with DJs Gemini and Jonene and guests. 10pm-2am. Polk and Clay.

The Top

"Bionic," dubby dancefloor delirium and spaced-out house with DJs Solar, Mark E. Quark and IZ. \$3. 10pm-2am. 424 Haight St.

1015 Folsom

"Spundae," house and techno music with DJ Jerry Bonham and special guest DJ Speedy of Las Vegas. \$5. 10pm-5:30am. 974-9389.

The Cafe

House music with DJs Mathew Baker and Jay-R. Free. 8pm-2am. 21+. 2367 Market St. 861-3846.

Cat Club

"Sixteen," a rock n' roll nightclub, featuring live bands and kick-ass DJs. Tonight: American Heartbreak and Candy Ass (from N.Y.C.). \$5. 10pm-3am. 1190 Folsom St. (at 8th).

Mon 23

Josie's

Open Mic Gay Comedy night featuring comic host Dan Rothenberg. \$5. 8pm. No reservations required.

New Conservatory Theater

The Broadway touring cast of Jekyll

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Tue 24

11:11 Lounge

"System Addict," house and breakbeats with DJ regulars Atom, Sven Tech, Tripnotix, Mes, Mad Merc, Rob Doten, Paucus, Sean Murray, Colin, Kamia, Levi, and Kea. Tonight featuring Tripnotix and Kea. Bar plus food and smoothies. \$5 cover. 8pm-2am. 18+ w/D. 1330 Polk St.

Cat Club

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Backflip

"Spark," drum & bass, downtempo and jazzstep with DJs Seven, Sol, Jason Greer and guests. \$4. 10pm-2am. 21+. 601 Eddy St. (at Larkin). 771-3547.

Wed 25

Yerba Buena Center

Margaret Jenkins celebrates her dance company's 25th anniversary with a homecoming, featuring the SF premiere of "Breathe Normally," which inquires into the fragmentary

nature of memory, in word, motion, image, and sound through a masterful blend of multimedia effects. \$25 (\$15 students/seniors). 8pm. Thru 9/4. Yerba Buena Gardens Theater. 978-ARTS.

A Different Light

Intergenerational Writing Group members read from their own works. Featuring writers ages 28-80. Coordinated by George Birimisa. Free. 7:30pm. A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St. 431-0891.

Hotel Rex

The Art Deco Society of California presents "How To Gatsby," a discussion on how to recreate the 1920s lifestyle and make the most of attending the Art Deco Society of California's "Gatsby Summer Affair" at Oakland's Dunsmuir Estate, Sunday Sept. 12, 1999 from 2pm till sunset. The evening will provide tips on how to dress for men and women, laying out the perfect picnic, Gatsby armoire and more. The society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving culture from the 1920s and '30s. \$10 (free to members). No-host cocktails 6:30-7:30pm; program 7:30-9pm. 562 Sutter St., near Union Square. Info: 982-DEC0.

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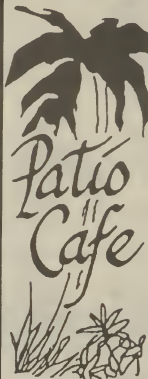
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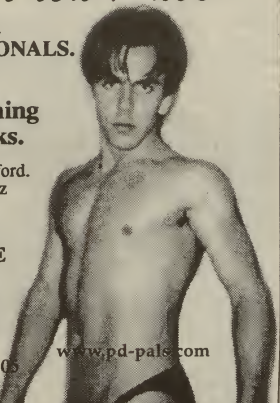
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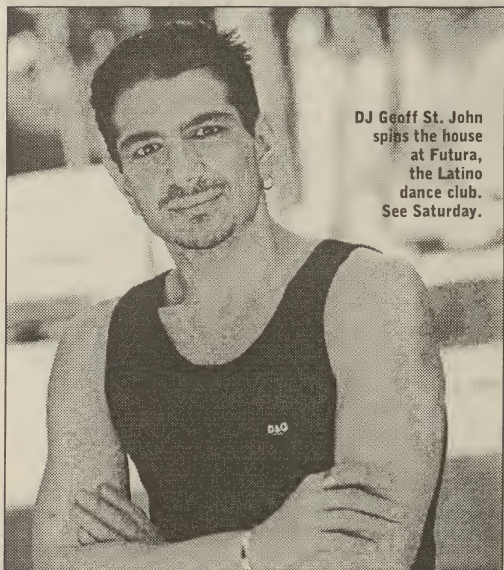
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Next up: daddy's boy

by Mister Marcus

Last Saturday afternoon, August 14, the Leather Daddies of San Francisco met for a barbecue and laid out plans for the 17th Annual San Francisco Leather Daddy's Boy contest, to take place at the Eagle on Sunday, September 5 at a beer bust from 1500-1800 hours. Since the concept of being a "boy" is a state of mind, there is no age limitation on individuals seeking the title. And there is no San Francisco residency requirement, either, though most of the past winners lived here or in the greater SF Bay area. If you're interested in getting into the competition, applications are available now at Daddy's, the Leather Zone and at the Eagle.

The leather daddy's boy contests are usually crowd pleasers. In recent years, however, there has been a decline in the number of contestants, usually less than 10. That's in comparison to the contest in 1987, emceed by then International Mr. Drummer Steve Reiswig of Seattle, when there was a record 26 contestants and the title was won by James Buhler. Buhler later went on to become the last man to win the Mr. CMC Carnival title, and was among the top 20 at IML in 1988, sponsored by the AIDS Emergency Fund—the only time that organization has sponsored a contestant at IML.

This title, like the SF Leather Daddy title, is one of the classic events of our community; both were launched 17 years ago by Alan Selby. From the beginning, the contests have always benefited the AIDS Emergency Fund, and so will the next one.

Some of you may wonder what has become of previous title winners. I have lost track of many, either because they moved away or just vanished from the leather scene. A few have passed away, including, to my knowledge, Dean Gibson (1984), Bill White (1992) and David Maginnis (1993). Only one was removed for reasons that are still debated.

Some daddy's boys, soon after their year with the title, have gone on to win other titles, or to successful careers. The first Leather Daddy's boy, Jake Banks, went on to win the Mr. Leather of SF title



Jake Banks was the first-ever San Francisco Leather Daddy's Boy, selected in 1983. He went on to become Mr. SF Leather 1984, and was 1st runner-up that year at Int'l. Mr. Leather in Chicago.

and was the first runner-up at IML in 1984. One is a San Francisco firefighter these days; one is a veteran of a major airline; another (Steve Crouse) went on to win the Mr. Alameda County Leather title, and one recently graduated from law school.



Bazaar

Another is a much sought-after masseur and has two leather daddies these days. It certainly is a diverse boy fraternity we have here in SF.

For the most part, the winners of this title have done a great job. Most have produced at least a fundraiser or two during their year, making worthy contributions to the community. It would be hard to estimate how many thousands of dollars they have raised for the AEF and other charities.

It helps, of course, if the leather daddy's boy gets along with the incumbent leather daddy—a situation that has not always been the case.

In any case, all is looking up now, and this contest should be a winner. Hope you can make it Labor Day weekend. At my deadline, I had no clues as to who might be running. But go anyway,

it's for a good cause.

Keeping tabs on drummer

By this time next week, all the regional Drummer contests will be completed. The final one is Mr. Florida Drummer & Boy contests on Saturday, August 21 at the Ramada Plaza Marco Polo Beach Resort in North Miami Beach. Before that, there is a meet and greet at the Ft. Lauderdale Eagle, and a basket auction followed by a trek to Chaps for the Drummer Boy contest.

Prior to the Mr. Drummer contest, various leather clubs will be hosting a cocktail party, followed by a dance at the same venue. On Sunday, a victory tea dance will take place at Chainz. Tickets are \$15/advance or \$20/door (including valet parking), available at the Eagle PX, Chainz, Chaps, Loading Zone and other venues. Frank Nowicki will emcee most of the events. If you're in the vicinity, go!

With the completion of business in Florida, there will be eleven contestants, including two foreign men, Rob Scheers, Mr. Drummer Europe and Robert Pont, Mr. Drummer Canada. There will be seven Drummer boys competing for the title. Just

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EVENTURES IN LEATHER

Weekend, August 20-22

Sunset Junction Levi & Leather Weekend, now in its 18th year, with tons of activities, including a revival of leather/fetish folk taking the lead. Check out everything going on by clicking on www.asuntleli.com.

In Miami, the final regional Mr. Drummer contests in the Fort Lauderdale and Miami Beach areas. See column above.

Friday, August 20

Leather Extravaganza at Twining Manor (296 Liberty St.) begins at 1800 hours for \$100 VIP ticket-holders or at 2000 for \$50 tickets. Food, beverages, entertainment, silent auction. Always a fabulous event. Tickets at Daddy's, Powerhouse, Worn Out West, LeatherZone, and Mister S.

The Exiles SF third annual Novice Party. Always a night to remember. \$3 for members, \$5 others. At the Women's Bldg. Doors open at 1930; program runs 2000-2300.

Saturday, August 21

Bears of SF beer bust at the Lone Star, 1500-1900, with raffles, hot dogs on the patio. Benefits Prostate Cancer Resource.

Forum of SF \$7 beer bust at the Eagle, including supper, presented by the presidents and first ladies of all the clubs. A butt-painting contest, weather permitting.

Wednesday, August 25

Leathernecks present a social with discussion on "J/Oing," with a Kinky Twist, from 1900-2100. Call 437-0883 for location and details.

Leather Buddies at 933 Harrison. Strict leather code. No cologne. Wear leather and definitely boots or no entry. Call 863-HEAD.

Saturday, August 28

The 15 Association monthly party. This one is called the Electrical Night Party. Shocking! You know the rules, location, BYOB, guests must arrive with you.

"Bottle bash" at the Powerhouse, with special beer prices to benefit the G/L Historical Society. 50/50 raffle, fun, cruising, from 2100-2300.

Sunday, August 29

Golden Gate Guards MC host Eagle beer bust from 1500-1800, with Polish cuisine by Andy Rose. \$8, plenty of beer, and lots of cruising.

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Stupid unsafe sex

by John F. Karr

Bareback Buddies and Bareback Raunch are two videos depicting unsafe sex. Since the company that made them, Hot Desert Knights, keeps a pretty low profile, distributing the videos in plain boxes, and is hampered by the videos' controversial nature from advertising outside of their website, there's no picture to accompany this review.

It would be a lot less difficult to write about Bareback Buddies and Bareback Raunch if they were bad porno. But they're not. Matter of fact, they're both pretty good. But it's impossible — for me at least — to separate the energetic sex seen in these videos from the issues that are brought up by their condomless fucking, their internally deposited loads of cum, and their purposeful display of unsafe sex.

Yet neither of these videos would exist if it weren't for their unsafe sex. Information from the producer informs us that the films grew out of the bareback parties the company "hosts" each month in Palm Springs, which are attended, they say, by an average of nearly 100 guys. Watching porn while resting between bouts of activity, the guys expressed a dissatisfaction with mainstream porn. They were tired, says the producer, "of seeing smooth twinks wearing condoms and then yanking them off and wasting all that cum by shooting on backs and faces." And so some of the guys agreed to make their own videos.

Bareback Buddies is the first one, and except for its lack of condoms, it's not much different in its standard form from lots of other merely adequate porn that's available. It has three scenes, The Of-

fice, The Pool and The Fireside. The Office guys aren't too pretty. One is a little pudgy, another skinnier and older than we're used to in porn. The scene's bottom sports a Prince Albert, and an asshole that gapes open like a vagina. Well, maybe not that wide, but enough to facilitate some major poking by his buddies. These condomless insertions are the reason for the video's existence, and the camera lingers upon them, catches them clearly, as it does throughout the video. At the scene's end, one guy cums in the bottom's mouth, and to prove that the other has climaxed in his ass, there's a scandalous shot of cum splooging back out of his asshole.

Light their fire

The poolside scene features performers who look like professionals — a svelte and shaved blond, a mature and hunky tattooed daddy, and, in Paul P-Town, a budding star. He's a handsome, boyish man with a salt-and-pepper crewcut, a butch face, and an enticing body that's sprinkled with a fine fur. The fireplace finale does have a pro, with former Falcon star Ray Butler returning to the screen to demonstrate once again his talent as a hungry bottom, in a scene that's both romantic and raunchy. All these players are exuberantly versatile.

Yet the video is pretty clumsy, its editing jumpy. The players' major assets aren't capitalized upon, and the scenes feel truncated, with the progression of sex acts dispensing with eroticism to jump into hardcore mechanics. The video can't wait to get to the fucking.

Bareback Raunch is a lot better made, its four kinky scenes of leathery and cocking sex not feeling abbreviated. There are

slings, dildos, watersports and two fistings, all featuring fairly rough action. In one severe sling scene, the fierce top shows little mercy, spitting on his boy, smacking and choking him, shoving a cock rudely up his ass and clamping his palm tightly over the guy's mouth when he whimpers in pain, and then dumping him on the floor and pissing on him, and into his upturned mouth. It's sex as punishment, an intense scene. As in Bareback Buddies, the finale brings us a dynamite scene with Ray Butler and Paul P-Town, who fists Butler, and gets royally fucked himself. Paul's a star, alright, and I like him so much I hope he survives to make more porn.

Because that's the bottom line here — unsafe sex. That's supposed to be the primary turn-on. Now, if I listed all the reasons why I thought unsafe sex wasn't smart, I'd fill this entire newspaper. That's why it's difficult for me to recommend these videos, despite the horny abandon of the guys, their ferocious moments, and the simply undeniable fact that a cock that's not stuck inside a condom looks much better doing its thing to an ass than one that's rubberized. But that lack of condoms, the sheer audacious, blatant, stupid unsafe sex in these videos bewilders me, brings up so many political, medical, and social issues as to overwhelm their sexual effectiveness. If you don't want to see condoms in porn, there are plenty of pre-AIDS videos. Watching these new ones, time and again my mind told me how arousing the sex was, only to be followed — sometimes after an orgasm, and I mean my orgasm, not a performer's — by an aching heart. It's so easy to be taken in by sex, and these videos turned me on. But they also made me sad. ▼

Mister Marcus

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this past weekend, the Mr. Southwest Drummer and Drummer Boy were chosen in Phoenix, but at my deadline, I did not have the results.

IML keeps it up

And still the roster for IML 2000 contestants grows. Last Saturday, August 7, the Mr. Leather Holland was chosen in Amsterdam during their leather pride week. His name is John Pijnburg, and he's a very hunky security cop in the town of Rijen, which is near an air force base. He is definitely into uniforms. Club Trash and the Cockring sponsored Pijnburg. While it is not definite yet, there's a possibility that the runner-ups will compete too.

Leather bits

This past Saturday, Don Hood passed his Mr. Oregon State Leather sash to a successor, but at my deadline, no word on who won.

Great News! SMMILE just received a grant of \$9,000 from Grants for the Arts/SF Hotel Tax Fund. Not only that, the Bay Area Guardian just named the Folsom Street Fair the Best Street Fair in San Francisco. Hey, it's about time!

So here we are in Toronto for Leather Ball 5, one of the bigger circuit parties with a leather bent and look. Yes, so it is! There's the ubiquitous Graylin Thornton doing a mean cha-cha (and mak-



John Pijnburg, the 1999 Mr. Leather Holland, chosen in Amsterdam on Saturday, Aug. 4. He will compete at IML in May 2000.

ing a porn movie) with his latest squeeze, Kevin Powers. You know Kevin — he's Mr. Cell Block Leather of Chicago fame. Graylin has a great job, making porno films with hunky guys from

around the world.

Finally, where's that paper wedding dress, Mr. Tilton? Poof! Up in flames like all those marriages! Are you reading this Greg, Mack, Mike? ▼

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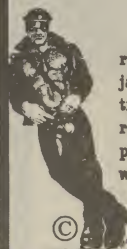
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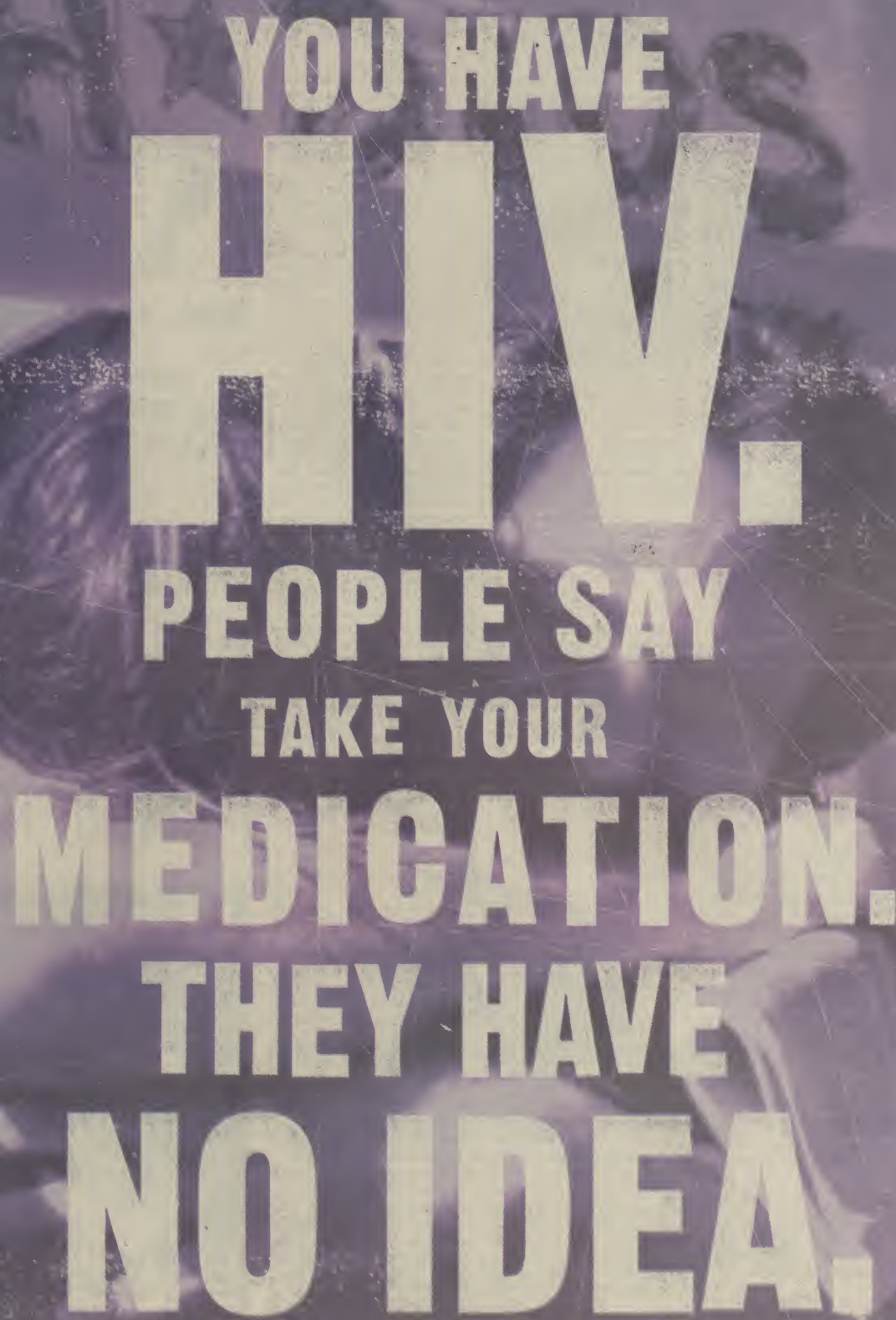
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Does AGENERASE reduce the risk of passing HIV to others?

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Who should not take AGENERASE?

Do not take AGENERASE if you have had a serious allergic reaction to AGENERASE or any of its ingredients. If you have liver disease, your dosage of AGENERASE may have to be adjusted.

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Can children take AGENERASE?

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Can pregnant women and nursing mothers take AGENERASE?

AGENERASE has not been studied in pregnant women and the risk to the unborn child is not known. Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or if you become pregnant while taking AGENERASE.

Mothers with HIV should not breastfeed their infants because HIV in the breast milk can infect the infant.

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Starting all over again

Surviving the midlife crisis as a gay man

by Jeffrey Escoffier

It hardly seemed to notice that my father died. I had barely spoken to him in years; we had never been close — in fact, I used to hate him. It's taken me a long time just to realize that the years before my 50th birthday were haunted by him. Often, I think we first experience our middle age through just this sort of event, the death of a parent. Yes, the body begins to go, and the energy flags. But middle age begins when suddenly some event throws it all into doubt — at that moment, you look back and try to figure out whether you've achieved your goals and whether or not those things that you have achieved make you happy; whether or not you measure up to yourself as the person you've set out to be.

So many of these issues, for many men, arise when you begin to realize that you are more or less successful at handling life's challenges than your father, and even more problematically that you deal with all these things just like your father — badly. Depression often seems to accompany the transition to middle age. The challenge is: how do we remake our life? Just at the moment when we should know how to live, we discover that we don't know how to live. In a way, it's like starting all over again.

It was an unhappy love affair with a man almost twenty years younger than myself that brought me to this point. We had fallen wildly in love while I was visiting New York for a conference, then spent more than a year talking on the phone for at least an hour every day until he moved out to San Francisco. He was spectacularly handsome, charming, and came from an upper-class family. For him, I left a happy 8-year-long relationship.

We set up house together in San Francisco, but within weeks of moving in together things started to fall apart. "He's the smart one," he often joked, referring to me, "I'm the pretty one." It soon became clear that he wanted his lover to be a man of power and wealth, not some '60s radical intellectual who made no money. It infuriated him that I didn't earn enough money to go on vacations to Europe or to fly to New York for the Black Party. Our differences — in age, temperament, and social class — brought me face to face with the way I'd led my life.

I suddenly realized that while I had led a very interesting and satisfying life, I had never really taken money and career seriously. When I organized my projects — nonprofit and small businesses — I was practical and financially realistic, but about my own finances and longterm career I was hopelessly naive. I had never thought about my economic security. The conflicts within my love affair challenged me to confront these issues in my life — my longterm financial security, the contradictions of my relationships to younger

men as lovers, and the pursuit of my own ambitions as a writer.

Keeping score

The midlife crisis — provoked by looking back on your life and trying to figure out how well you've done, played out in the tempestuous love affair that breaks up a longterm relationship, and followed by a period of depression — is a common experience. For gay men of my generation, it is exacerbated by our generation's historical experience — at least half of us have died from AIDS. But among gay men, the middle ages also foreground a competitive dynamic with younger gay men. It's not just that standards of sexual at-

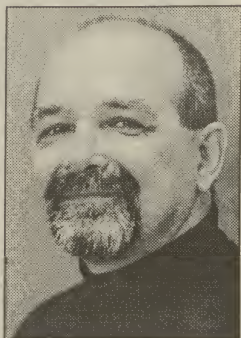
tractiveness often put the middle-aged gay man at a disadvantage, it's also that the middle-aged gay man is judged, and to some extent judges himself, by a double standard. A gay man in his late 40s and 50s is compared to the economically successful, white, heterosexual family man of the same age, and at the same time, he must be an exemplary gay man, openly gay, comfortable with his sexuality, and willing to live an unconventional social and professional life, one that is not always upwardly mobile, economically.

Middle age had brought me to the place where I compared myself to my father, and my lover compared me to his father. Approaching 50, I coveted the authority — "the masculinity" — ascribed to my father. I had no children, no family, only my gay community projects and my stymied ambition as a writer, only the demanding love of a younger man who wanted me to be the kind of man my father or his father were supposed to be — because, as we both knew, our fa-

thers had, in fact, failed financially and emotionally as "men," as fathers. The quagmire of middle age for gay men is about the difficulty of relinquishing the stultifying rigors of masculinity. A gay man's life must be judged by different standards — not the standards of youthful beauty and sexual prowess, but the wisdom of living a life without prefabricated

notions of responsibility and solidarity. ▼

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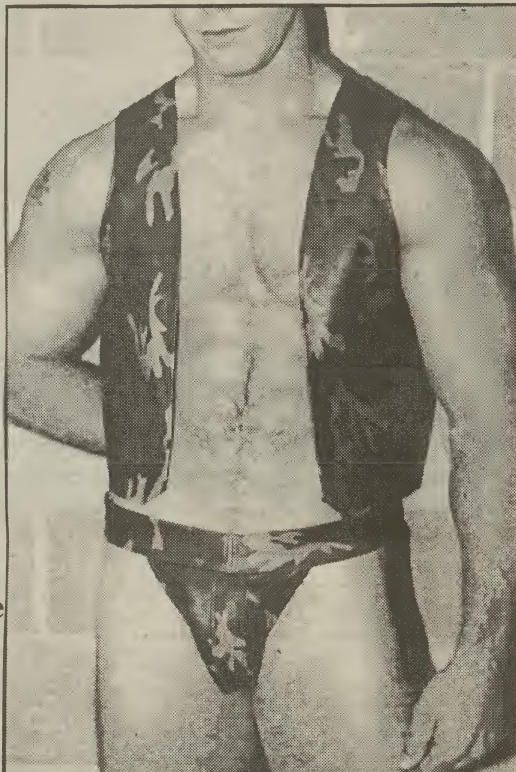
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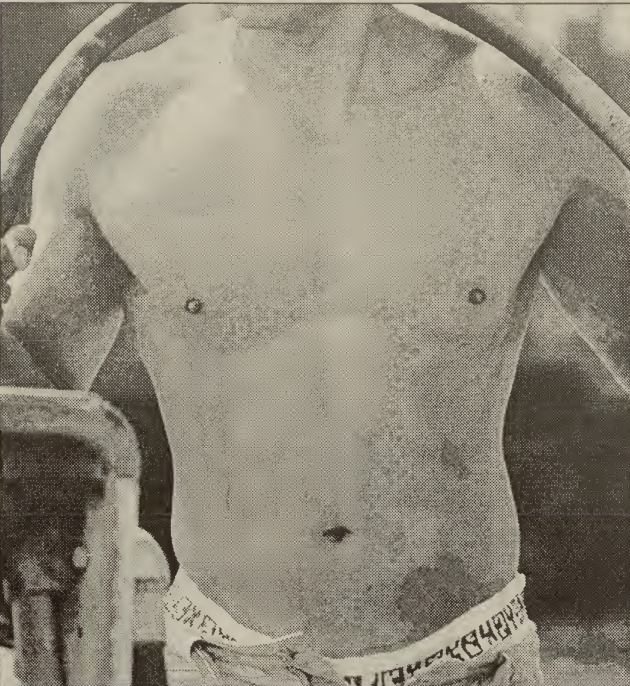
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12pm. You: Masculine WM, having hair trimmed. Me, compact guy with blue jacket reading newspaper. We smiled & cruised. Afterwards you waited for a friend while we continued flirting coffee? Discretion assured! ☎ 8600

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I caught your eye as we waited for our orders. Couldn't keep my eyes off you as you left. Let's make that wave goodbye more... ☎ 8601

Hall Of Justice: Early Morning Handcuffed: You going in. Black eye: Me coming out. You smiled. I shrugged. Let's have a drink. ☎ 8610

Asian Superstar
In the all-male section at Superstar. We lingered, we looked-even smiled a bit. We should've met. Shall we? ☎ 8605

Bear Weekend Russian River Mon.
Exxon Station cotati 4pm. Us-Gold Ranger/racks. You- Market Green Srv w/ a gas hose ripped from the pump. Call us for dinner- we feel responsible. ☎ 8603

Marcello's Pizza Saturday 7/17
3:00, you shaved head brown eyes with friend. Me blonde crewcut and goatee, also with friend. We exchanged smiles. Want to meet? ☎ 8604

Stravinsky/Grace/Cath/ 6/24 8pm
You: dark-skin man, sweater, penny-loafer shoes. Me: usher, blue blazer with crest, glasses. Sat at back table with you. You asked for "my card". Wanted to give you my phone #: you left too fast. ☎ 8602

Mr.Libra w/Balance Tattoo Small of back- Cafe' Sun 7/18. Captivated w/ your beautiful brown eyes- would like to admire them during a candle-light dinner. Me: red cap/tank t, very interested, sitting 1-ft away from you/ girlfriend in white. I desire some balance in my life... ☎ 8606

Brad! Lone Star Beerbust 7/18/99
You: blu/gm eyes, beard, moved here from Minneapolis. Me: tall, standing white t-shirt, shorts, we smiled enjoyed sun together. Can we meet? Please call Mark. You're very handsome. ☎ 8611

Paulo & Miles @ Mass Pride Sun
You dancing w Miles. I'm Mike in L.A. We danced some, but I had a date. We talked a lot about our tattoos & V!agra! Let's talk and possibly visit? ☎ 8607

SFO To Portland 7/02
You: dark beard heading to softball tournament. Me: salt 'n pepper on the window with goatee, wish we shared more than N.Y. Times. ☎ 8608

Ruben: 7/26 F-Market Trolley
You: nice eyes, great smile, big hands- Me: short, goatee- in making, salt & pepper hair, got off @ end of line, talked briefly, wanted to follow you home. ☎ 8701

Luke! Callistoga
I'd like to see you again and invite you for dinner- unfortunately I've lost your phone-No!- Please call me..... Christian ☎ 8702

Up Hill Parnassus To UCSF 7/6
You had just ran 8mi. When the bus passed us at the top of the hill. Me tall blond. We talked, I got shy, would like to talk again. ☎ 8704

SuperShuttle Mon 7/26 From SFO
I was first off in Bernal Heights, you went on. Both came in from Albuquerque but on different airlines. Both going home to cats. Let's meet again. ☎ 8902

Christopher Stephens
I met you a long time ago. Some how I lost your number. Would like to talk with you again. ☎ 8705

Marco Of St. Francis Sports Med
Really wanted to talk to you but there was no opportunity. I'm still interested in talking, hope you are. ☎ 8800

Polk St. Fair Sunday 8-1
You: handsome, dark hair, blue sweat shirt. Me: short, go-t, aqua-t. You walked by me listening to st. artist, smiled and stopped. Left with friends before I could talk. Missed chance. Try again? ☎ 8801

The Cafe/Sun 7/25 11pm
You: Daniel from Argentina, saw you the day after your birthday. Me: David, blue-green eyes from Soca. Want to give you my phone #. Please find me. ☎ 8802

Shen Hua Berkeley 7/26
I was with a friend. You were at the next table. I got one long hit of your amazing eyes. ☎ 8803

Timothy
Your name is Timothy. Mine is Greg. Spoke with you in front of Kabuki Tuesday, 7-27. Regret not asking for your phone number. Wanna hang out? I do. ☎ 8804

Dario @ Wohler 7/9 Friday
You were on your Cannondale, I was wearing my tattoos and not much else. We played, then. You were going to a secluded spot, I had to leave. Call me! ☎ 8805

Ton Kiang Sat. 8/7 Upstairs
You, Asian, beautiful with older woman (mother?) Me blonde with Asian friend. Had to leave. Would love to meet. ☎ 8900

Beldon Lane Cafe 52 Wed 8/4/99
11:45am, you with two women going to lunch, Me waiting for friend at Beldon and Pine. You sat at window table at Cafe 52. Want to do lunch? ☎ 8901

Underwear Buddy
Hey Derrick, it's Will. You liked my tattoo. I said, take a break. What was I thinking? Let's finish! ☎ 8700

Dolores Park Sun 7/11 4:45pm
You: beautiful hairy chest w/wknd scruff lying alone against black duffel bag w/round silver sides. Me: goatee, putting on shirt w/ friend in Camouflage pants. I noticed you grinned. Too shy to say hi. Let's meet. ☎ 8609

Braided Motorcycle Rider 7-21
11am, you: GAM flag on black helmet w/long braid, Lincoln Ave, Golden Gate Park. Me: blond guy, red Isuzu Rodeo. You looked and we smiled. You're hot, let's meet! ☎ 8703

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Go Out With Me!
46, bear, bald & goatee looking for a special friend to hang out with- live in Castro, also disabled (crutches), but I'm a great guy & like meeting new guys. ☎ 8617

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GWM. 5'10", 165. Slim gym toned. Blonde: Better than average looks. Shy. ISO slim, cute, 25-35 who know what I mean. Send up a flare! ☎ 8618

Hugs & Kisses
Are what I love; me: GWM, HIV-, 41, 5'9", 180lbs. reddish brn/blue. ISO a GWM or GHM, HIV-, 35-45, enjoys movies, dining out, massage. Please call. ☎ 8619

Are You Single And Loyal??
Average tall stocky GWM professional 50ish darcy- type top w/average cut boner, smoker, HIV-, non-gym, non leather, looking for loyal submissive bottom w/cut boner for ltr. ☎ 8620

Black Top Male
41yr, 6'2", 190lbs, attractive, charismatic, excellent physique, seeking interracial monogamous ltr with White or Asians bottom, any age. You be serious and highly intimate & sexual. ☎ 8621

Relationship Material?
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Handsome Italian
40, 6'2", 185lbs into fitness, travel, romance and quiet times, seeks another HIV negative Latin man who is sincere and romantic for monogamous relationship. ☎ 8623

Seeking Leather Top
Me: 45, 5'7", 150, workout, attractive, educated, interests, sense of humor. You: 40-54, negative, workout, GWM, short like me, dominant verbal at times. ☎ 8624

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Gay Latino Looking For Love
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Seeking E Bay Man Of Color
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Attractive Latino
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Enter This Contest & Win Big!!
If you decide I'm your best cocksucker yet after one demonstration blow job, it's you who wins the grand prize: unlimited further svc! Uncut +, but not nec. ☎ 8633

ISO Big Pig
Dom. 48yo mus mas WM ISO mas husky dick pig to service my fat cock & balls. ☎ 8718

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Hunky, hung 48yrs, 6ft, 185lbs- ISO horny in shape hung blonds & reds facial hair, vers. A++ no attitude, no cig. ☎ 8716

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Dominate Black Topman, 45, Seeks
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Asian And Filipino Bottom Yea
Let me tongue & cock fuck your hot Asian ass with my big Italian dick. 36, good body & looks. Let's meet and play. ☎ 8722

Got A Hot Ass To Fuck
GWM 5'11" 170lbs n/s, n/d HIV- Like to suck 7 or 8 inch and suck you off then let's fuck and get your nut's off and watch video's age no factor or race please call. ☎ 8723

I Watch:
You pose, show off, strut, play w/ yourself, etc. You get the idea. Me: handsome Latin, 40. You: well built, interested in the idea? Very discreet. Live a fantasy! ☎ 8724

In Between Girlfriends?
SWM, likes only straight men to service. I'm clean, attractive, 6', 175#, 38, friendly, educated, healthy, in-shape, HIV neg, ub similar, my place in SF, relax and become new friends. ☎ 8917

Jack Off Marathon

Looking for 1 or more hot, In-shape men 20-40 to share a sexy stroke session. Big dicks, hard bodies only. Your place or mine. I'm hung big. UB2 ☎ 8725

Hot White Or Latino Bottoms

Wanted by 55yr old white male 6'0" 155lbs drk brn hair brn eyes glasses 9" dick wants to fuck hot White or Latino under 40. ☎ 8726

I Wanna Suck Your Butt

Italian bear, 46, bald, 6'225#, goatee, attractive stud loves to suck a hot, clean butt. Interested? ☎ 8727

Boy With Toys Desires

Others for play, GWM, 38, slim build, hung, versatile seeks guys into toys, top, bottom or versatile under 40. No beads, beads or mustaches. Versatile, hung thick, A + ☎ 8728

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Handsome educated 35, 5'10" 155lb smooth, well hung, uncut, non-smoking, drugfree, seeking good-looking In-shape HIV- bottom boy. Looking for as much intimacy and safe sex open to ltr. ☎ 8821

Blow Job Service
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Latino/Pilipino Sex!!!

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Afternoon Suckbuddies

Wanted by hot, sexy daddy type, 50's, trim. I like giving or receiving and I've got a big one! U b trim, under 50, hung big, and ready to play! Morning ok too. ☎ 8925

HIV+ Dad Needs Submissive Son

For discipline, bondage, roleplay, buttplay. Me: attractive, 52 y/o Italian-German 5'8", 150lbs, dark hair eyes complexion. You: attractive, younger, any race, trim, masculine obedient. ☎ 8926

Chocolate-Covered Romance

Handsome GWM seeks romantic Black male for lively conversation, passionate sex, spontaneous adventures. Me: 40, tall, gym-toned, brown/blond, enjoy arts, reading, outdoors. Prefer muscular, worldly, available for intimacy. ☎ 8927

Black Bottom Hole To Fuck

For "experienced uninhibited top" ISO easy access bottom I'm, masc 39, 5'11"/ 150# goatee, shaved head. You, ht, wt prop, masc & ready to fuck. ☎ 8928

Beely Cocksucker

Seeking top who needs regular service by masculine guy. Into all oral action. Must love to spread your legs. Leave details. ☎ 8930

Daddy's Looks But Really A Boy?

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Submissive Bodybuilder Needs
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Get your asshole eaten by a pro!! ☎ 8832

Straight Seeks Facial Cum Bath

Masculine-mature WM seeks senior citizen to jerk off on my face, while I'm on my knees, hands tied behind back face inches away, waiting on your lava. ☎ 8644

Wanted: Hot Young Barefeet

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Blond Bodybuilder 6'2" 225lbs

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Ride My Rimseal

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Hot Tongue 4 Firm/Clean Asses!

ISO lean man to spread his cheeks & stick his ass-hole in my face! I'm a WM, 6'2", 185yrs. Ub under 46, slim, & like your ass-hole sucked. My home. ☎ 8642

Say Cheese

GWM, 45, 5'10", 210 weight proportionate, conservative, professional, ISO extra nice forskin to service. No reciprocation required. I have nice hard cock with big head. ☎ 8831

Foot Or Leg In A Cast?

Are you on crutches or a wheelchair? With a broken leg or foot, sprained ankle? Casted, braced, bandaged? GAM, 26, goodlooking. Call if you've fallen and can't get up! ☎ 8643

Bondage

Experienced bottom, top, 41, 5'9", 155, HIV-, good looking, masculine, seeks submissive, masculine guy for erotic bondage and play. Limits respected. Safe, discreet, trustworthy. SF and East Bay. ☎ 8833

Seeking Show-Off Top

Want to smell, lick, touch around top man in his 40-50's in shape, role play, underwear, show off. I'm 44 masculine, cigar smoker, cup uniforms A+. ☎ 8932

In Search Of Toilet Pigs

This hot, smooth, muscular young (32) top seeks pigs. No limits ☎ 8934

Hey Batter

Major/minor league baseball players, let's play ball. I love a man in a baseball uniform (required) GWM 21 to 34yrs old discreet, safe, fun. ☎ 8944

Leather=Hardon

Asian-Amer leatherman/top, 54, 5'9", 150, young looking, good bod, cock, mind. Wants to be serviced by slim masc GWM leatherman. From cod piece frottage to fucking firm ass. ☎ 8935

Seeks Boot Training

44yr old nipple pig bottom seeks extremely muscular dominant top willing to train this boot novice in serious boot discipline. Into tt, pointed cowboy boots, smokers +++ Please call. ☎ 8936

Seeking....

Rope bondage master, ISO serious masochist for partnership, who enjoy cloths, spanking, flogging etc for exploration, pain & pleasure. You be in shape. I'm 5'10" 185, friendly & experienced. Serious only. ☎ 8933

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San Jose Bondage

Top needs submissive. Me: 43, 5'7", 150. You: 35-7 hung, average build looking for safe cbit and bondage play for 2-3 hour sessions. ☎ 8940

Couple Of Bad Boys

Very good looking, Asian & blond, in shape. Late 30's, poz. Seek Asian & Latin playmates into butt play, ff, toys, other nasty fun. ☎ 8941

Submissive Black Bottom

Seeks hot erotic, sensual top, verbal, raunch, kink, sleeve a plus. Avail wk ends & some evenings. ☎ 8942

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Attractive Latino 32, 5'11", 190, Virgo, size 12 shoe, n/s, n/d. Would like to meet Latinos or Whites into same fetish under 38 non smokers only. No games. ☎ 8943

COUPLES**Couple Seeking GM Couple**

WM 32, blonde/blue, muscular, good-looking; AM 39, attractive gym-toned both are switchable masochists, for double date, friendship, and possibly more. Please be under 45, clean shaven, and in good shape. ☎ 8834

Sacramento GWM Couple

Early 40's looking to GWM/GLM 21-45, either couples or singles for friendship. Looking for friends who enjoy going out and enjoy the nightlife as well as staying in and enjoying each others company. Were sincere, honest, discreet, friendly and not into games. ☎ 8945

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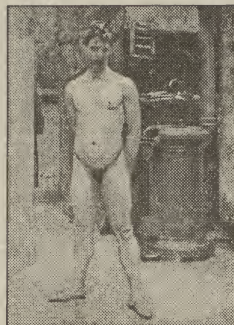
tuate Salty's sound bite. West had the Herbst, with its Romantic murals and intimate size one of the most graceful rooms in town, in the palm of her outstretched hand. After getting through **Antonio Carlos Jobim's** "Waters of March," she confided, "From here on out is easy." When **Mayor Brown**, seated right behind us in the audience, was introduced from the stage, the applause was polite if underwhelming.

Fleshpot corner

Meanwhile, we've been talking with that feisty art queen **Portia Copplethwaite**, and we're positively starting a committee to drag painter **John Singer Sargeant** kicking and screaming out of the

closet to which Art History has kept him consigned to these many years. We've all seen his *Portrait of Madame X* and other busty females with resplendent cleavage, but now a retrospective of Sargeant works which was washed up at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston includes some of his great male nudes as well. During his expatriate years in London, it seems Mr. S engaged young Italian men to paint their portrait, which of course necessitated their removing their togs. Later, back on American shores, Sargeant met an African American elevator operator named **Thomas E. McKellar** and painted him *au naturel* in what we must say is quite a fetching pose. ("Fetching" as in "come and get it.") Going down, sir?

A picture book from Universe, **John Singer Sargeant, The Male Nudes**, makes all of this abundantly clear. The goods reproduced here include a rather humpy *Bather in Florida* and A



A Male Nude Standing Before A Stove, by John Singer Sargeant

Male Nude Standing Before a Stove. All we can say about the latter is, if the subject backed up a few inches towards the kitchen stove, we know exactly where the burn scar would end up.

Then there's that little matter

of Sargeant's faithful valet, who made the transition from model to bedroom companion to continued gainful employment look like one easy step. Perhaps it was.

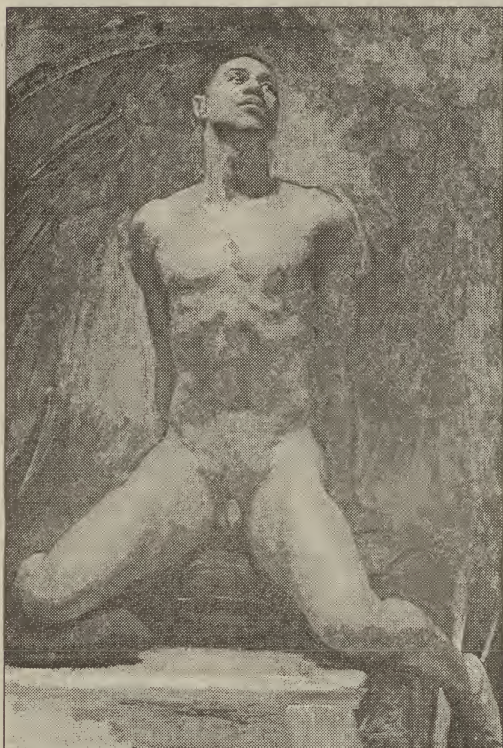
Call-in radio

Santa Rosa, you're on the air. "Hello, is this Out There? I'd just like to say that you were wrong! You were wrong when you said you were wrong about **Audrey Hepburn** in *Gigi*."

Okay, caller, let's parse this a bit. We were wrong about being wrong ... so in other words, we were right all along.

"Sort of. You see, Audrey Hepburn was in the Broadway *Gigi*, not of course the MGM musical starring **Leslie Caron**. But Audrey was made famous by *Gigi*, and you might even say it was her stepping stone to movie fame."

Thanks, caller, for caring. Ah, the sweet vindication of being able to say, "We told you so" with buckets and buckets of ink. ▼



Nude Study of Thomas E. McKellar, 1917-20, by John Singer Sargeant

Lavender Tube

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turbing account of those days on ABC's *Good Morning America*. As a speechwriter for Nixon, she literally lived through the final days. She — and some of the Nixon women — tried to convince Dick to stay and fight.

Sawyer's description of the "sweet" Nixon — replete with *triste* background music — had a level of pathos that brought tears to the eyes of even the most hardened anti-Nixonian. In fact, it gets our Emmy nod for best media manipulation of the year. We found ourselves reaching for a second lace hanky as Sawyer detailed how Nixon roused his exiled staff (now in San Clemente) the morning after and got them immediately to work. (Editing tapes, no doubt.)

In the midst of all the murder, mayhem and chaos of the last week, our quote of the week came from Hugh Grant, pimping for his latest flurry of films. When asked about long-time paramour and supermodel Elizabeth Hurley coaching him on the set of his latest steamy love scenes, he told *Entertainment Tonight*: "I like all my girlfriends to crack the whip, but



Hugh Grant

that's just an English thing." He followed that rousing comment with a reference to his current co-star. "People talk about me and Julia Roberts, but me and Jimmy [James] Caan is the *really* sexy coupling of the summer." Yes, dear, it is an English thing.

Finally, as premiered on *Extra* and *ET*, the Dalai Lama is on tour this week in the US with devotee Richard Gere. The D.L. will be appearing on local TV programs as well as *Nightline*. Don't worry. Be happy. ▼

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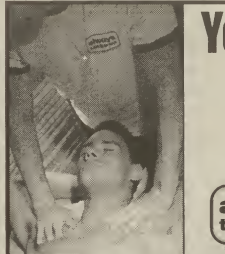
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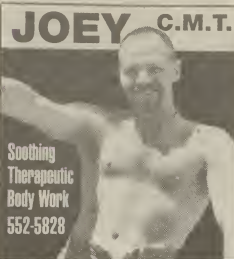
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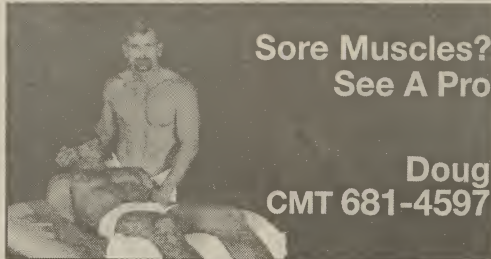
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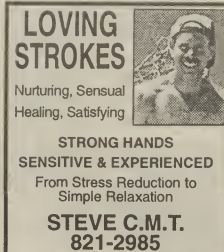
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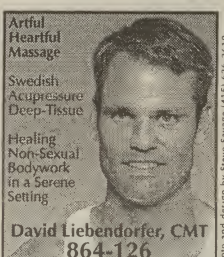


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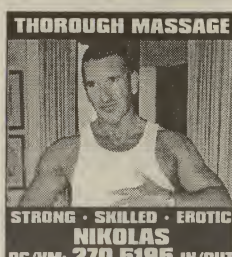
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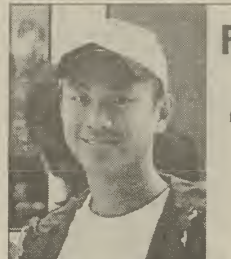
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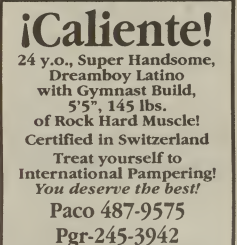


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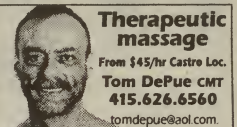


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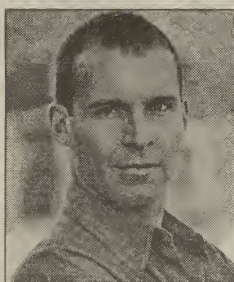
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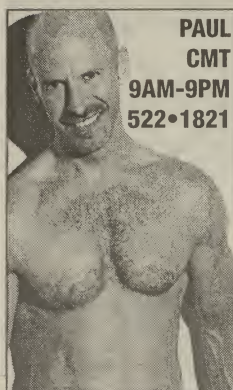


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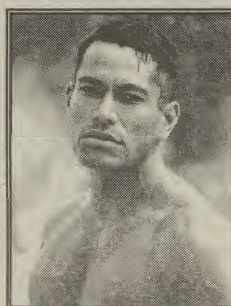
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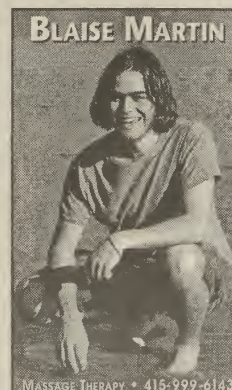
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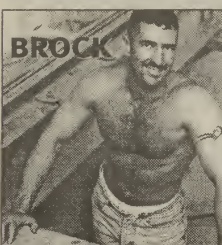
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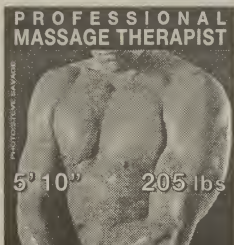
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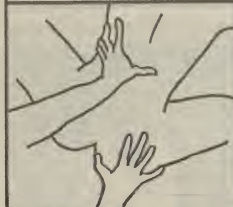


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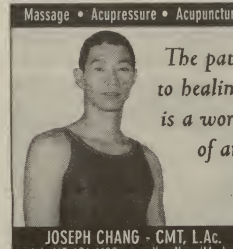


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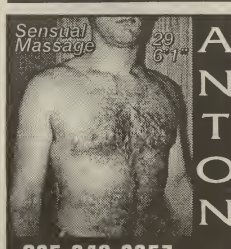
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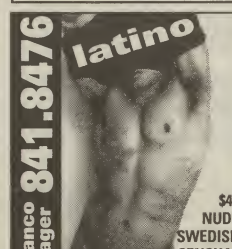
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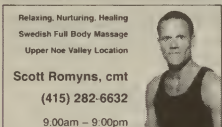
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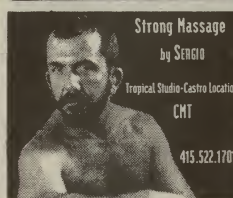
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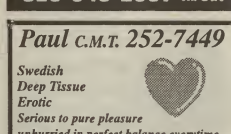
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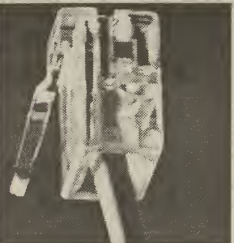
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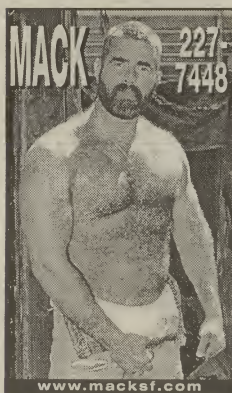
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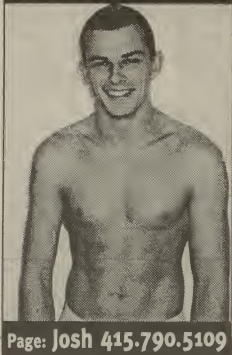
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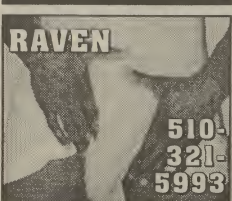
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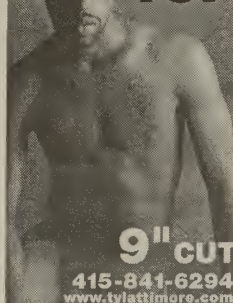
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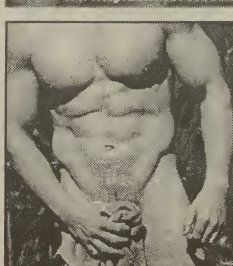
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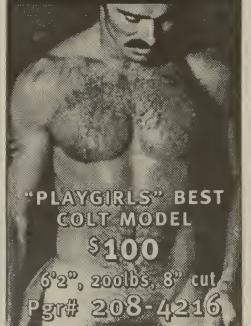
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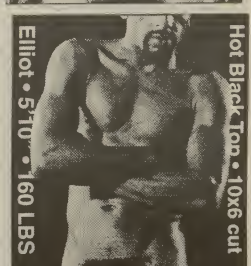
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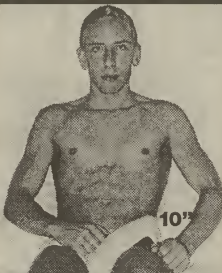
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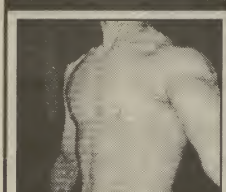
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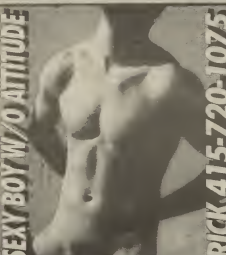
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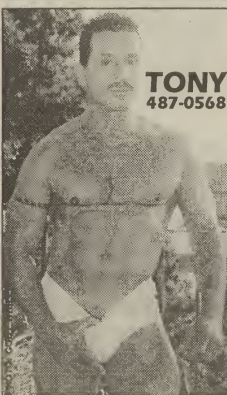
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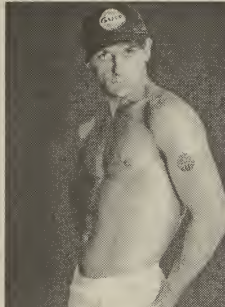
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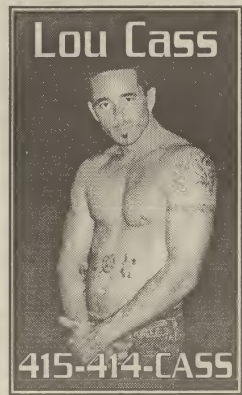
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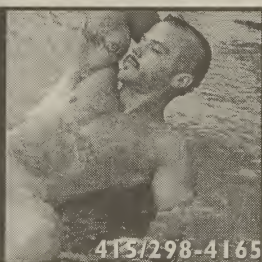
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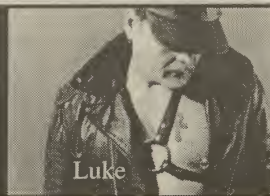
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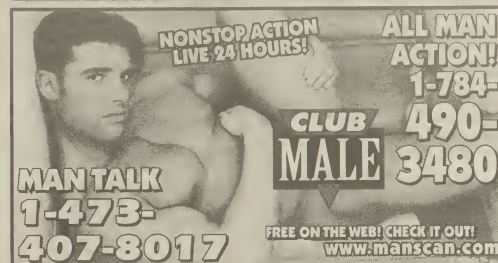
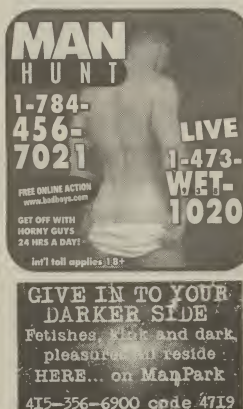
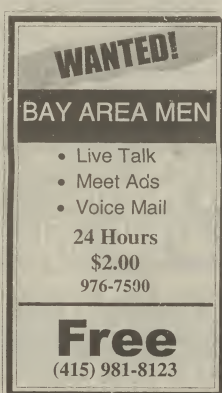
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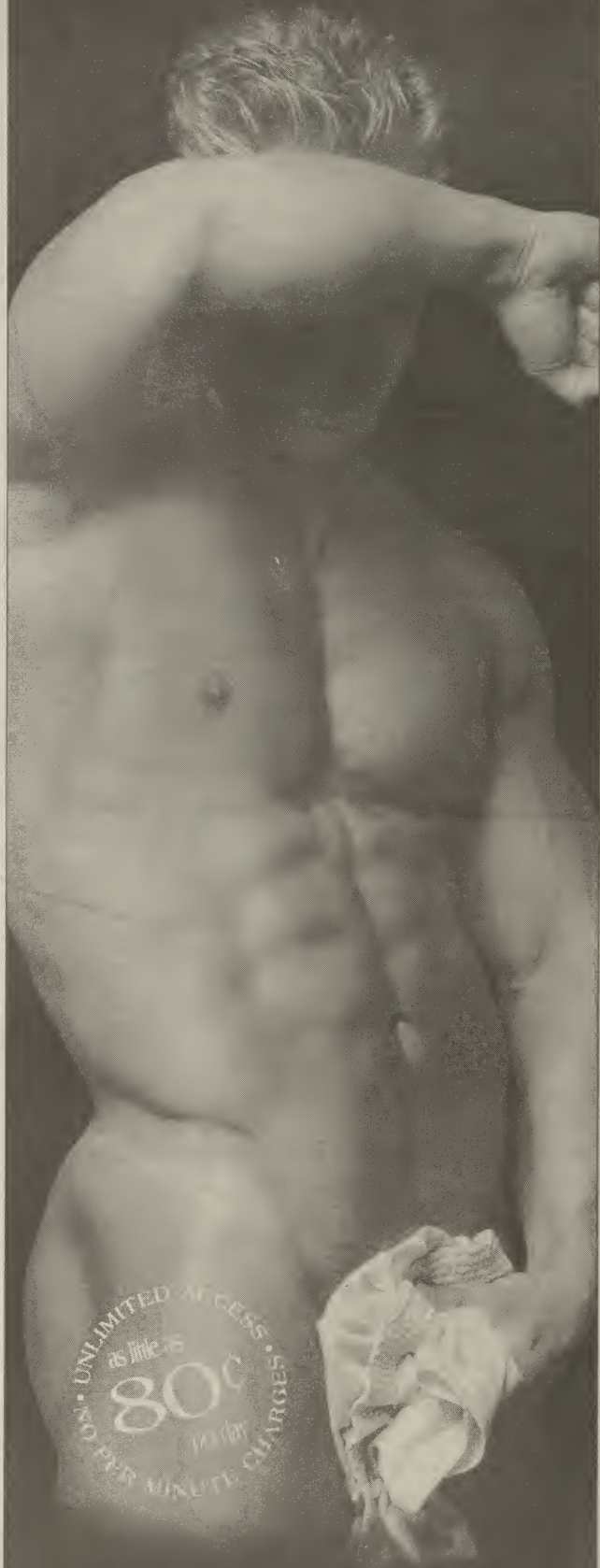
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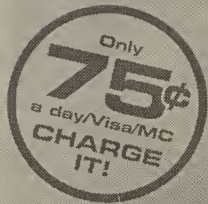
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